

## Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, October 3, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Jim Dissatti, Marty Gehring, Therese Lounsbury

Meeting called to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 10:30am.

Welcome new member Marty Gehring.

### ***Changes to the Agenda:***

None

### ***Minutes Approval:***

Hearing no changes for the minutes of September 12, 2025, the minutes were declared approved.

### ***Committee Reports:***

Kathleen is keeping an eye on the release date for the next round of America 250 contest. The library will be receiving a marketing toolkit for the release of the Ken Burns documentary on the American Revolution. Kathleen shared that the library currently has Ken Burns' Civil War and Vietnam dvds for lending and provided a list of books in the library under the topic of Vermont History. She also shared the announcement of the event in Bennington (part of Bennington 250) related to the Ken Burns film happening on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30p to 9:00pm at the Monument Arts and Cultural Center, 44 Gypsy Lane in Bennington.

Marty shared the following ideas: having students pick characters to write about - perhaps from the first person point of view, could an event be under a big tent at the Flea Market, work with the book store for a big display of related books, presentation on how to authenticate the age of a home and the Historic Registry process, presentation on old maps, costuming and art. She also shared that they had done an outdoor Thanksgiving with home schoolers cooking over an open fire.

Jim asked about using TVES over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend because of the concern that we won't be able to use Memorial Hall. He will do timeline again next year during first weekend in October. Someone at this last timeline said they could come for our July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend for 2026. Jim does have a series of tents.

Therese has been reviewing some local history aspects, especially the Old Home Week postings over the years. The list of topics from Kevin Graffignino has some other interesting items. Therese connected with the new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Pam Greene. Fireworks for 2026 will be on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### ***Committee Tasks:***

Therese will send some dates to Jim for applying again for the 40<sup>th</sup> Army National Bands and start putting a calendar together.

Jim to apply for 40<sup>th</sup> Army National Guard Bands and share graphics with Therese for the banners.

Kathleen to see about booking Kevin Graffignino for at least two other talks.

Marty to continue with ideas for students and more.

Lenny did stop ahead of the meeting to say that he is researching the school houses, and that Dave Larsen has written a book that perhaps we could sponsor a talk with him.

Adjourned at 11:45am.

**Next Meeting: Friday, October 24, 2025, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office**

*Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 10/3/2025*