

## Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, November 21, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury

Meeting called to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 1:30pm.

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

Add a report of the meeting with Sam Kondracki of Wilmington Works.

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

Hearing no changes, the minutes of November 7, 2025, were declared approved.

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

Kathleen gave the update that she shared the PBS reading list from Ken Burns American Revolution with Bartleby's Books. She sent an inquiry regarding the program "The Revolutionary War in the Champlain Valley". Kathleen shared the index from the Margaret Greene file on Lake Raponda. Submissions were made to Vermont Humanities for two of the three talks we are scheduling with Kevin Graffagnino and dates were confirmed with OSEC as the location. Replies should come to Therese's email address. Vermont PBS suggests that they have more programs to come after the Ken Burns event. Historical Society is contemplating guided walking tours, there are no specific themes planned for next year, the Vermont 250 committee is welcome to expand our exhibit, and they are considering some additional openings during the week next summer. Kathleen & Therese discussed that they could sell books, garner donations, and perhaps put an old postcard display together.

Therese reported that she also was in touch with Julie Moore of the Historical Society. She met with Sam Kondracki of Wilmington Works to get some ideas together for the Village Stroll that we would be sponsoring on Saturday, May 23, 2026, from 5-7pm. It needs a theme – and "I Love Wilmington" was discussed. Sam's committee can run with a theme and would rely on us for historical details. Need music, craft activities (create a flag for Wilmington or the American Revolution), games & activity (scavenger hunt), and maybe a photo board. Could our commemorative coin be a prize if needed? Could we enlarge some of the "Then & Now" photos, attached them to a stake and place them in the appropriate spots around town? Sam will meet with her committee and update Therese. Kathleen & Therese discussed some games of the era – marbles, cobweb game, Spelling Bee (explore others within the "Games from long ago" book). Therese has a copy of the Memorial Hall booking calendar. She also reported that we can create an article for the next newsletter from the Historical Society mid-January; Randy Schoonmaker is delighted to present the Vermont Barnboard presentation for our calendar; Arthouse Gallery can add some art activities; we should have the Declaration of Independence read a few times (Juneteenth / July 28<sup>th</sup> on Lisle Hill / August 18 with a Battle of Bennington program).

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

Therese to work for more programs on the calendar and a plan for the kickoff party and banner display locations.

Kathleen reviewing "Freedom & Unity" again for potential screening at the library – and see if there are other related movies that could be screened.

Lenny is researching Medburyville.

Adjourned at 3:30pm.

**Next Meeting: Friday, December 5, 2025, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office**

*Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 11/21/2025*