

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, November 7, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Marty Gehring, Therese Lounsbury

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

Changes to the Agenda:

None

Minutes Approval:

Hearing no changes for the minutes of October 24, 2025, they were declared approved.

Committee Reports:

Kathleen gave the update that the Ken Burns screening at the library is good to go for Thursday, November 13th at 6-7pm. Please pass the word for a good attendance.

Kathleen reached out to Kevin Graffagnino and his response was positive for "Why Vermont History Matters" for Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 4:00pm at OSEC (kickoff day), plus "Zadock Thompson and the Story of Vermont" for Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 7:00pm, and "Consuelo Northrop Bailey: Vermont Pathfinder" for Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7:00pm. Kathleen applied for the Vermont Humanities sponsorship of Zadock and Consuelo – we will await their decision. The sponsored events would only cost the mileage fee (232 miles x .70/per mile = \$162.40) as Vermont Council on Humanities will cover the speaker stipend. We will pay the stipend for "Why Vermont History Matters".

Kathleen found that the library had the movie for the book "Freedom & Unity: A History of Vermont". Therese to look at the calendar for adding that screening to the mix. Is there someone to speak about this film and book?

Kathleen made an ILL request for the movie "1776".

Marty spoke with her son-in-law, Tim Lawrence, regarding his Hoosac Tunnel movie and Rails to Trails topic. Marty will check on the best method for contacting Tim and pass that to Therese.

Marty met with Lisa Sullivan and Bartleby's Books is planning to stock a supply of books for 2026, but please share any titles that we would like to see. Kathleen will share the PBS suggested reading list with Lisa and Marty.

Marty floated the idea of the timeline with her grandchildren but did not get an enthusiastic response. She chatted with Rondi Gleason who is very musical – perhaps there is a music through time to explore? FYI - Steel was invented in Vermont.

Therese will send an email to connect Marie Paige with Kathleen and Marty.

Explore the music idea with the Boyd Family, plus their history in the valley – also Adams Farm history and patents.

Would people be receptive to having portraits taken for a digital frame to have another library of the people of the town?

Committee Tasks:

Therese to contact Randy Schoonmaker for dates.

Therese to get to Margaret Greene Room for research.

Marty to contact Vermont Museum of Natural History for potential programs – especially for American Eagle Day on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Kathleen to check with Historical Society of Wilmington at their last meeting for themes they will pursue for displays next year, possibility of more dates open, possibility of guided walking tours, and possibility of being open on Saturday, May 23, 2026, for the Village Stroll.

Kathleen to follow up with OSEC for the dates secured for Kevin Graffagnino.

Adjourned at 11:55am.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 21, 2025, at 1:30pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE) at the Town Clerk's Office
Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 11/7/2025