

## Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, December 5, 2025

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury

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

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

No changes.

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

Hearing no changes, the minutes of November 21, 2025, were declared approved.

### ***Calendar Updates:***

Vermont Humanities awarded our request for the two additional Kevin Graffagnino talks. That means they will be paid for by Vermont Humanities, and our committee will cover Kevin's mileage. This is June 18, 2026, 7:00pm – Zadock Thompson and August 13, 2026, 7:00pm – Consuelo Northrop Bailey  
Do we need some exposure in January/February? Perhaps Calvin Coolidge near President's Day?

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

Kathleen will review the details of the requirements from Vermont Humanities to promote the two Graffagnino talks now associated with them. She will also confirm with Kevin. The Freedom & Unity movie was reviewed again for its potential – passing to Therese to review also. Concern that there may not be enough American Revolution connection, or independent republic. Kathleen did not find any dvds at the library with American Revolution themes. The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum responded to Kathleen's request for a potential talk. They are offering a visit for a \$300 honorarium fee, or a virtual presentation. Kathleen will ask about midweek or weekend, benefits of physical visit versus virtual, and whether June 19<sup>th</sup> could be an option for early evening or ahead of the Village Stroll on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Therese reported that she received a response from the Coolidge Foundation. They don't have a travelling presentation but could participate in a short talk with their video perhaps virtually if they do not have anyone closer to us than Plymouth Notch area. An inquiry to the Historical Society for a few midweek walking tours ending at the Barber House Museum met with some interest. Therese shared an inn tour idea at holiday time could be a way to finish out the year – will share with the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry as a potential fundraiser for them.

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

Kathleen following up with Maritime Museum; will review the Coolidge video to research any additional materials for putting a talk together (slogan from his re-election that could be played with to hand out buttons at the talk); will research Chester A. Arthur; will check on movie licensing at the library to find out what might be purchased or borrowed for movie nights.

Therese will secure OSEC for a display in the Community Room where we will be hosting these talks; she will find a date that works for the Coolidge talk; set dates for Vermont Barnboard presentations; contact DVFP for Inn Holiday Tour; prepare a report for the Town Report; secure use of Town Hall and Memorial Hall; jump start coin and banners.

Adjourned at 12:15pm.

**Next Meeting: Friday, December 19, 2025, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office**

*Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 12/5/2025*