

## Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, January 23, 2026

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Leonard Chapman, Therese Lounsbury, Jim Dassatti

Also: Samantha Kondracki

Meeting called to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 10:32am.

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

Add update from Wilmington Works for the Village Stroll in May.

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

Hearing no changes, the minutes of January 9, 2026, were declared approved.

### ***Village Stroll – May 23, 2026***

Samantha Kondracki joined us to update the progress on the Village Stroll for May 23, 2026. Timing will be 4-6pm with a theme of "Stroll Back in Time". Open Memorial Hall to be able to see portraits and Memorial Day items from Rotary setup. Sam to reach out to Angel Balch. The "Then & Now" books that Todd is working on could be for sale in the hall. The Stroll Committee is working on a Scavenger Hunt of historical notations about town. Can the coins be a prize for finishers? They have some other prizes they can share/raffle. Therese will contact the Beautification Committee to be sure that town is decorated beginning April 19<sup>th</sup> for the kickoff of the 76 days for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Vermont 250's display locations could be tied in. The self-guided historical walks will be available. The Stroll Committee does snow cones (red & blue). Therese to investigate music for that date. Jim may be available in period clothing. Sam is pursuing a weaving demonstration, large checker boards (other games of the period?), and author talk at Bartleby's – share any suggestions.

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

Kathleen shared a press release draft for the kickoff events for all to review.

Jim shared all graphics with Therese for the banners. He sent out contracts and paperwork for the Blueberry Parade. His group has events in June for Vietnam, September for Holocaust, and Labor Day Weekend Timeline at Howe Field. They have insurance in place for all these events. Jim also contacted several media outlets for prices on advertising.

Therese sent a page to highlight the planned activities to the Historical Society for their newsletter.

### ***Lions Club Meeting – Monday, January 26:***

Kathleen and Therese are preparing to attend with some props/framed items in the Town Clerk's Office already. Will share calendar items. Kathleen has permission to represent the Historical Society. With the approaching weather, reschedule could be February 23, 2026.

### ***Kickoff Party – what do we want for it?***

Kevin Graffagnino talk, food, decorations, historical items in one of the permanent displays, Jim has some background music, games or interactive displays?

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

Therese – banners, coins, books/booklets to re-print. Need to get on agendas for OSEC and Selectboard for display areas needed. Work on flyers for calendar items. Prep for Lions Club meeting. Contact Beautification Committee. Contact American Legion for sidewalk flags beginning April 19.

Jim – Catamount Chronicles, remaining banners, review artifacts to commit to displays. Can we have flags depending on ability to hang them?

Kathleen – prep for Lions Club meeting, check to see what reunion books are available for sale at the Historical Society.

Todd – Then & Now books

Len – working on Medburyville History

Adjourned at 11:40am.

**Next Meeting: Friday, February 6, 2026, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office**

*Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 1/23/2026.*