

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, January 9, 2026

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury, Jim Dassatti
Meeting called to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 10:32am.

Changes to the Agenda:

Eithne Eldred asked to be included for a potential date with the Lions Club.

Minutes Approval:

Hearing no changes, the minutes of December 19, 2025, were declared approved.

Coin Update:

Some confusion as to where Todd had created a mockup for the coin. He used an AI and not a tool within the coin vendor website. Tamara/Therese to get something designed and submitted.

Banners:

Jim is working on finding the graphics he used in his layouts and sharing them back to Therese. Kathleen and Eithne will help with typing the text that goes with each banner.

Calendar:

Nothing new as yet.

Committee Reports:

Kathleen contacted Meg Streeter at OSEC to extend the time needed for the Kickoff Party on Sunday, April 19. She also shared a copy of the John Adams movie. She will begin preparing Press Releases for the items secured on the calendar.

Jim shared back four banner layouts with graphics noted and after taking banner #5 will bring that back along with the books marked for the graphics. He is finishing work on the Catamount Chronicles. Jim shared a list of regulars for the parade and asked about someone to run with the groups to contact them to join the parade. What would we pay to attract groups? See list of possible group contacts. There is a family that would like to encamp July 2-5 – need to know if OSEC and Chamber of Commerce would approve.

Lions Club – Eithne Eldred:

Eithne shared that the Lions meet the first and third Monday of the month at OSEC. They encourage guest speakers at the third meeting. She wondered if the Vermont 250 group and the Historical Society of Wilmington would like to partner on participating with a 10–15-minute talk. Commit by 1/19. Generally, 10-15 participants. We committed to attending Monday 1/26 (they bump out a week for the holiday) and Kathleen will check with Julie Moore for the Historical Society. Give thought to props to take with us – Jim in period clothing.

Committee Tasks:

Therese – banners, coins, books/booklets to re-print. Write piece for Historical Society newsletter and get on agendas for OSEC and Selectboard for display areas needed. Work on flyers for calendar items. Jim – Catamount Chronicles, remaining banners, review artifacts to commit to displays. Can we have flags depending on ability to hang them?

Kathleen – check with library and Historic Deerfield for projecting their Winter Lecture Series and contact Julie Moore for Lions Club date.

Adjourned at 12:00pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 23, 2026, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 1/9/2026.