

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, February 6, 2026

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury, Jim Dassatti

Also:

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

Changes to the Agenda:

None.

Minutes Approval:

Hearing no changes, the minutes of January 23, 2026, were declared approved.

Calendar Updates:

Wilmington Works agreed to a June Village Stroll on American Eagle Day – awaiting their thoughts on theme. Barbara Lipstadt of Deerfield Valley Players updated their theater production dates for Memorial Hall to July 29-31 and August 2 @ 7:00pm. Auditions will be March 29 from 2-5pm at OSEC, and March 30 from 5-8pm at OSEC. It was suggested to ask if they would come out for the parade in Dover on August 1st. Two dates have been secured with Randy Schoonmaker for the “45 Mill St” history talk – April 23 @ 7pm and May 27 @ 7pm, the MOOver facility can accommodate 20-25 people. Discussed April 29, Wilmington's Charter date, to have a guided historical walk in town followed by a talk by Jim Dissatti about Benning Wentworth and the New Hampshire Grants at the Barber House. Therese to reach out to Julie Moore.

Committee Reports:

Kathleen researched the reunion books that are available for sale at the Historical Society. There are currently a few copies of the 1980 book. There are two DVDs compiled by The Student Network (TSN) – “Wilmington Old Home Week 2010” (6 copies) and “Life in Wilmington: The 1930s & The Flood of 1938” (12 copies). Therese will purchase one of each for the committee – there is a monitor in the Chamber of Commerce that can be used along with the display (if approved). It was suggested to add The Commons to our media outreach. Kathleen went to see the Twin Valley Elementary School (TVES) student assembled quilt from the celebration of 200 years for Vermont. We have been granted the opportunity to use it. It measures 83” x 76” with a 10’ wooden rod for hanging. It needs a slight repair. On the back are the students that participated, so we want people to be able to walk around it. Committee suggested having it at the display in OSEC. Kathleen plans to pick it up the week of April 3rd.

Jim shared that there was the possibility of using the space inside the old O. O. Ware building since there isn't a tenant yet. He shared a mailing he received on a reproduction coin of the “Continental Currency” that Benjamin Franklin designed. He has sent out all his July 4th invites and is even exploring a BBQ in front of Norton House. Jim has received some interest from one individual with soldier uniform displays and an individual in period dress to wander out front of The History Store. Parade invites have gone out, will request budget information from Janet Boyd and/or the Chamber.

Therese continues to fill the calendar, sharing banner graphics & text with Tamara, and is awaiting final word from Chamber to then secure our three display locations of OSEC (open April 19), Town Hall (open May 23), and the Chamber (open June 20). Also, mini display in the Historical Society.

Other topics for the displays: Battle of Bennington, Burgoyne Campaign, framed Declaration of Independence, biographies of the signers of the Declaration.

Suggested demos for pottery and weaving for the Village Strolls. (Andrea, an archaeologist and potter from Halifax was suggested, as well as the new shop "The Uncommon Robin")

Lions Club Meeting – rescheduled to Monday, February 23:

Therese will prepare to attend with some props/framed items in the Town Clerk's Office already. Will share calendar items.

Committee Tasks:

All continuing to work on various items.

Therese meeting with the Beautification Committee on Monday, February 9, at 8:00am.

Adjourned at 12:05pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 20, 2026, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 2/6/2026.

After the meeting – Chamber offered a table in Memorial Hall for the Beer & Chili Stroll on Friday, March 27, from 4-7pm. Doors open about 2pm for setup. Kathleen committed to being there so far.