

## Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, April 17, 2026

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Therese Lounsbury, Jim Dassatti

Also: Samantha Kondracki

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

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

Added update from Samantha Kondracki, Wilmington Works.

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

Hearing no changes to the minutes of April 3, 2026, or April 10, 2026, they were declared approved.

### ***Village Strolls:***

#### **Village Stroll for Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6pm – “Stroll Back in Time”**

Needed from Vermont 250: 2 volunteers to man table in Memorial Hall for scavenger adventure & access to the historic hall portraits and perhaps sell “Then & Now” books. Living History can have a table too.

Our 250<sup>th</sup> second display will open in Town Hall (will need to man this too). The Stroll committee has created a scavenger hunt with ten clues for finding items around town either to the North, South or West. Those turning in a scavenger hunt card can receive a commemorative coin. The Stroll committee will hang some frames around town with historic photos of places in front of their current structure. Sam will have key to access Memorial Hall and could allow a 3:30pm setup time. They are checking with Crafts Inn for games on the lawn there: checkers, potato sack races, tic-tac-toe (hopefully with some high school student help). There will be two crafts at Pettee Memorial Library, tin punching and quill writing. Therese to ask for two Friends of the Library volunteers. Wilmington Works will do Sno Cones on lawn at Memorial Hall.

Wilmington Works will invoice Vermont 250 with one invoice upon completion of the event.

#### **Village Stroll for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm – awaiting title/theme**

Our 250<sup>th</sup> third display will open in the Chamber Office. The Stroll committee will do the same scavenger hunt & lawn games and switch up the crafts. Restaurant Week starts on June 19<sup>th</sup> and lasts for 9 days, so they are hoping to tie that in as well. Playing with elements of Vermont statehood – apple, honeybee, etc. Arthouse Gallery will be offering a Mead tasting (made from honey). Therese will reach out to Vermont Museum of Natural History for outreach program for American Eagle Day. The theme name was not shared at this time.

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

Saturday (tomorrow) setup at OSEC – Therese & Jim will be there for 3pm, Kathleen can come after 4pm. Jim is confident that he has items for the display case.

Sunday, please arrive at 3:15pm for any last-minute setup. Weather forecast is currently for rain.

Monday, April 20, 6:30pm – Therese to present to the Deerfield Valley Lions Club at OSEC

April 23 at the MOOver – Randy Schoonmaker talks on “The History of 45 Mill Street”

Therese to bring flyers for the second event, just in case we have more than 20-25 attendees and some bottled water and crackers & cheese or cookies if permitted.

April 29 at Barber House Museum – Historic Downtown Walk with Julie Moore, then Benning Wentworth presentation by Jim. Jim to provide mini biography and photo for media items. Jim to look for large pad of paper on easel, will let Therese know if she must borrow one. Therese to bring framed charter map and noted that the image is in the back of the Guy Hawkins Historical Address books at the Barber House. Kathleen to host at Barber House and set up the kitchen for the talk. The evening talk will be called “Benning Wentworth & Early Vermont”. Therese will find a Benning Wentworth portrait. Let’s be prepared to go outside if the weather is good and we have more than 10 people attending. Kathleen and Jim will be at Barber House for 6:30pm – Therese travelling in as soon as she can. Therese will get some bottled water/seltzer to Kathleen. Therese to decide on providing a snack or not. Kathleen check with Julie for permission on beverage & snack.

Jim and Therese decide on Hills Band for Sunday, July 5. Park at Crafts Inn and play at what times? They would have to conclude at 2pm for the theater production to begin in Memorial Hall. Cost of \$1,000 plus \$150 (\$15 per person lunch stipend).

Adjourned at 11:46am.

**Next Meeting: Friday, April 24, 2026, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk’s Office**

*Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 4/17/2026.*