

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, June 11, 2026

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Jim Dassatti, Therese Lounsbury
Meeting called to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 10:30am

Changes to the Agenda:

None.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of the minutes of June 5, 2026, was postponed to June 19th.

Work Session:

Flyers for all of this weekend and next week's events are distributed. Therese will now send out press release for Ellie Roden's workshop for July 11. Kathleen has flyers to distribute.

Do we want to join the 'Sharing the Spirit of America' which is focused on having people reading the Declaration of Independence, each at their own local time that correlates with 6 pm (EDT), Wednesday, July 8, 2026? May be possible to do it in Memorial Hall. Jim suggested asking the cast of "1776" to see if they would read – perhaps in costume.

Upcoming Events:

June 14 – "Living the Colonial Life" by Jim Dassatti at Town Hall at 2pm

Therese to order cookies and replenish bottled water supply (and get them cold).

Bring an easel with a board that an item could be clipped to. Bring commemorative coins.

Stipend check was mailed.

June 14 – "Eagles of Mt Mills" by Nicki Steel at library. The library will create flyers to share with us.

June 18 – "Zadock Thompson & The Story of Vermont" by Kevin Graffagnino at OSEC.

Therese to order cookies and replenish bottled water supply. Make fans available in case the room is too warm. Bring check for Kevin and commemorative coins.

June 19 – set up new display in Chamber Office / extra banner where? Norton House?

No display case this time. Have a digital frame, Declaration of Independence, story of electrifying Wilmington, cannon ball (need descriptor from Jim). May need to move rifles from OSEC.

June 20 – "Valcour Island" by Lake Champlain Maritime Museum at OSEC

Therese to order cookies and replenish bottled water supply. Bring commemorative coins.

Need information on cutting a check to Taylor Picard. Test projector, have fans.

June 20 – Village Stroll – New display in Chamber Office. Need presence in Memorial Hall with coins. Open Town Hall for display and open OSEC for display viewing. Jim in Memorial Hall with History Store items?

July 2 – Independence Day celebration & fireworks – display in lobby or Community Room from 6-8pm.

Need outdoor signage to draw people to the display. Use stations to block hallways. Kathleen can arrive by 7pm. Jim will be in period attire. (Rain date is July 10).

July 5 – Hills Band to play in front of Crafts Inn at 11am and 1pm, then move to OSEC? Buzzy Towne Park? CreeMee Stand? To play at 3pm. Need lunch vouchers.

Adjourned at 11:45am.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 19, 2026, at 10:30am at the Town Clerk's Office

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 6/11/2026.