

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, June 19, 2026

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Jim Dassatti, Therese Lounsbury

Meeting called to order in the Town Clerk's Office at 11:00am

Changes to the Agenda:

None.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of the minutes of June 19, 2026. Hearing no changes, the minutes were declared approved.

Work Session:

For the fireworks night, July 2, we may shift the display to the lobby and add the banners from Town Hall. The whole display will need to come out after we are done. Planning a window of 6-8pm. Jim will need his car available to transport all of Darryl and Mary's items. Therese will park close as well.

Hills Bandwagon will play Sunday, July 5 at 11am and 1pm in front of Crafts Inn, then travel to the CreeMee Stand on Route 100 North for the 3pm performance. We have permission to use some traffic cones to block the space between the "no parking here to corner" sign and the handicap space in front of Crafts Inn. Therese will place traffic cones Saturday evening when town quiets down. Still need lunch voucher arranged – possibly with North Star. Hills Bandwagon will invoice us for the performance. Therese will complete a Press Release. Jim has re-enactors slated for the weekend around The History Store and Crafts Inn. We can add "Sharing the Spirit of America" to the calendar for July 8th at 6pm. The Deerfield Valley Players will lead the reading of the Declaration of Independence to participate in the simultaneous reading of the Declaration around the world. They will also do a song from the show before returning to their rehearsal. Therese to market this and share with John Iverson. The Historical Society of Wilmington opens Sunday, July 5, from 1-3pm. We will need to transport some kind of display back into OSEC for August 6 through 13 for Family Frenzy Night of Blueberry Festival and Kevin Graffagnino's talk on Consuelo Northrup Bailey. Looking for additional history talks: Revolutionary War Soldier / Trains / another 45 Mill St / Guided Downtown Historical Walk. Can we find a time to have all of the banners together in Memorial Hall and the schools?

Jim, please drop the clear sleeves to Therese for the Catamount Chronicles.

Upcoming Events:

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 stanchions to block hallways. Kathleen can arrive by 7pm. Jim will be in period attire. The display will need to come out that night.

July 4 – late night – place traffic cones to reserve parking space for Hills Bandwagon

July 5 – Hills Bandwagon to play in front of Crafts Inn at 11am and 1pm, then move to The CreeMee Stand for 3pm performance. Have lunch vouchers planned.

July 5 – Historical Society of Wilmington opens Barber House from 1-3pm

July 8 – Promptly at 6pm in Memorial Hall, the Deerfield Valley Players will lead the reading of the Declaration of Independence – John Adams (John Iverson), Benjamin Franklin (George Adair), and Thomas Jefferson (Cliff Duncan) – and then they will perform a song from the show. There will be small flags, coins, the full text of the Declaration of Independence, and small books of the Declaration to lay out on chairs ahead of the event starting. Please collect any extras.

Adjourned at 12:30pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 5:30pm at OSEC, Community Room or Lobby.

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 6/26/2026.