

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, August 21, 2026

Attendance: Kathleen Nutter, Jim Dassatti, Therese Lounsbury

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

Changes to the Agenda:

None.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of the minutes of August 7, 2026. Hearing no changes, the minutes were declared approved.

Work Session:

Further discussion was had on the topic of presenting the full Vermont 250 experience to the schools.

Jim felt that he would have more time if delayed to the Spring. If we set up Twin Valley Middle High School then we should look at a Thursday night setup, Friday viewing, and have it open to the public on Saturday too. Jim to approach the schools about April 16-17, or April 30-May 1.

Soup Stroll participation discussed. Therese to check with Chamber of Commerce to see if we could set up a series of banners and have a table for Vermont 250. Jim, Kathleen, and Therese to man the table 4-7pm (set up 3:30pm).

Vermont state's 250 discussed. Possible topics: July 2, 1777, Constitution in Windsor; Vermont as independent republic; Vermont statehood in 1791 – the 14th star; Wilmington's charter; Calvin Coolidge; Chester Arthur; Colonel William Williams; Battle for Bennington 1777; Battle of Hubbardton 1777; Valcour 1776; November 1776 – Thomas Paine and Washington's efforts; December 1776 Washington Crossing the Delaware; January 1777 New Jersey efforts; Thomas Chittenden.

The talk for Consuelo Northrop Bailey only had 8 attendees, which did make for more of a conversation. Kathleen will watch for final report request from Vermont Humanities.

Jim shared a draft layout for the coming year, please review for next meeting. He is pursuing the creation of a vinyl banner of Philadelphia to stand in for the one we are no longer able to find.

Need to consider what banners to do for Vermont and who to do them.

Upcoming Events:

Adjourned at 11:50am.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 18, 2026, at 10:30m at Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 8/21/2026.