

Minutes of Vermont 250 on Friday, September 18, 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 21, 2026. Hearing no changes, the minutes were declared approved.

Work Session:

Items were identified that have not yet been covered by the committee:

Battle of Bennington

Independent Republic of Vermont 1777

14th State in the Union 1791

Green Mountain Boys

Molly & John Stark

Calvin Coolidge

State Flag / Motto / Coat of Arms

Wentworth Grants

Wilmington Charter

Old Town Common

Kathleen will return the quilt to TVES and reach out to Vermont Humanities for final reporting on the last talk from Kevin Graffagnino.

Therese shared the "Revolutionary Press" event from the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association Annual Conference.

Jim suggested there could be opportunities for the Chamber/Town to market the area at Hubbardton (July 7-10) and Bennington around August 16. He also suggested setting up a display in the gym at TVES during Blueberry Festival when the Rotary has their Pancake Breakfast.

Therese asked whether the committee wanted another kickoff party for Vermont's 250th and whether Haystack Golf Clubhouse might work as a location.

Jim made contact with Josh Jackson, a coordinator for the use of Howe Farm, for potential events by Living History Association (LHA). Jim is finishing up his schedule for LHA. He would like to offer a little more next year to the July 4th time period since this year's went over well.

Therese to research pricing and sizes for banners and table covers from signs.com.

Kathleen shared a list of famous Vermont women.

Initiatives for 2027 were discussed: banners, large banner in center of town to advertise an event(s), use Vermont 250 flag with sand bags, kickoff party regarding the Vermont Constitution, purchase a Vermont Constitution, how to use the JOP commission of Eli Porter – 1892, the state house moved each session – can we find out where, grab highlights of the Wilmington Old Home Weeks with Historical Society help.

Adjourned at 11:45am.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 9, 2026, at 10:30m at Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted by Therese Lounsbury 9/18/2026