



WATERBURY VT250th Committee

April 9, 2026, Steele Community Room, 6pm

Present: Cheryl Casey, Laura Parette, Ryan Geary, Evan Hoffman,
Ariel Mondlak, Bryan Farnsworth, Carolyn Fox

Via Zoom:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
Call to order/review of March 12, 2026	Ariel moved, Bryan second.	Minutes approved.
Debriefs	<p>VT Humanities Council VT250 grant for the cemetery QR code project: \$5,000 RECEIVED. Needs to be completed by April 2027. Town is doing their part w/paperwork. Not a matching grant. Ryan met with the Cemetery Commission to update them. A good news/social media item to push out.</p> <p>Waterbury Volunteer Fair (Saturday, March 28, 1-3pm): Got a fair amount of volunteers to sign-up. Cheryl has the list. Suggestion to send a brief email to new volunteers for engagement.</p> <p>WaterburyVT250.org: Evan to get backend credentials to Ariel and Cheryl. Evan will need to step back from this work due to being assigned to the vacant Select Board seat.</p>	<p>RECEIVED!!</p> <p>Send an email to new volunteers for engagement.</p> <p>Ariel and Cheryl to plan a work session.</p>
Budget	Committee drafted a budget during the meeting. Link at left.	
Marketing statement for partners	<p>Carolyn and Laura drafted content on what the committee can offer to businesses for support of events, activities, etc. Discussion about a multi-pronged approach; email, hand-out and walking in the door. Ariel can assist with a targeted business list. As the summer approaches there is an urgency to get the word out.</p> <p>Info 4x9: Ariel to push in upcoming RW newsletters.</p>	<p>Comm. to review draft doc (link at left) and make comments by Wedn., April 15</p>
Important links	<p>2026 250th anniversary of signing of the Declaration of Independence.</p> <p>2027 250th commemoration of VT as a Republic.</p> <p>From AASLH (Amer. Assoc. of State and Local History): Field Guide Program Guide</p>	

	<p>Social media: @WaterburyVT250 Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586436683382 Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/waterburyvt250/</p> <p>Shared documents: Ideas and brainstorming: Task roles: Communications Plan: Waterbury VT250 logo: Final logo files here. Content calendar: Please sign-up!</p>	
Other	<p>FPF account-Evan set up the account, awaiting approval.</p> <p>WHS Ghost Walk will focus on Revolutionary War gravesites in Waterbury cemeteries.</p> <p>BES Wax Museum Project (June 10?): Ariel met with the 4th grade teachers!</p> <p>Waterbury, CT (sister city): Ariel and Evan have looked into what they might be doing.</p> <p>Then and Now photo opp: Taking historic photos of key places in Waterbury and then positioning them for a comparison “now” photo.</p> <p>Report from RW: Roger has the month of May for social media content. Train Day is June 27 at the Train Station. RW has arranged for a 1870’s train car on wheels to transport people around town on a tour and be in NQID.</p>	<p>Ideas added to Ideas and brainstorming list.</p>
Next meeting	May 14, 2026 at 6pm in the Steele Community Room and via Zoom.	
Meeting Adjourned	7:18pm. Notes respectfully submitted by Laura Parette.	