



WATERBURY VT250th Committee
June 11, 2026, Steele Community Room, 6pm
Present: Cheryl Casey, Ryan Geary, Bryan Farnsworth, Mike Bard
Via Zoom:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
Call to order/review of May 14, 2026	Not approved	No quorum.
Cemetery project	VT Humanities Council VT250 \$5k grant for the cemetery QR code project: Complete by April 2027, not a matching grant, money has arrived. Project partners are: Cemetery Commission, DW, schools (?), Waterbury VT250. Project plan will map out tasks and timeline Collection Builder is a possible platform to use to host the content	Ryan Cheryl
Public Outreach	NQID: Rotary generously will provide space/table for VT250. Rotary is full force ahead with the festivities. WaterburyVT250.org: Evan to get backend credentials ASAP to Ariel and Cheryl. Info 4x9: Ariel to push this message in upcoming RW newsletters. Let's Team Up handout: Multi-pronged approach; email, hand-out and walking in the door. Adjust lede (?) and handout at NQID.	. No report
General Reports and Updates	FPF account: Evan set up the account, awaiting approval. Social Media: Laura has the month of June. Federalist Papers book club: Evan is having conversations with Judy at the library.	No report No report
Important links	2026 250th anniversary of signing of the Declaration of Independence. 2027 250th commemoration of VT as a Republic. From AASLH (Amer. Assoc. of State & Local History): Field Guide and Program Guide	

	Social media: @WaterburyVT250 Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586436683382 Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/waterburyvt250/ Shared documents: Ideas and brainstorming: Task roles: Committee Budget Communications Plan: Waterbury VT250 logo: Final logo files here. Content calendar: Please sign-up and check back!	
Other/new business	The committee discussed shifting gears and focusing on Vermont's 250th. Key priorities for the rest of this year should be the cemetery project and setting ourselves up for a full 2027. It has been difficult to generate a lot of excitement and buy-in for the U.S. 250th. Mike: Despite problems we need to recognize what we do have in this country and this state. Ryan: It can be hard to celebrate a forever work in progress. It's more about honoring, reflecting and educating. Use the opportunity to invest in the community and honor the sacrifices of 250 years ago. Parades come and go but our cemeteries are crumbling. Bryan: Use the rest of 2026 to build up and cultivate business relationships. Time to reach out to neighboring towns such as Middlesex, Moretown and Bolton. Cheryl: Focus on education and building relationships.	
Next meeting	July 9, 2026 at 6pm in the Steele Community Room and via Zoom.	
Meeting Adjourned		