



TOWN OF POMFRET, VERMONT

VERMONT 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2025, 7:00 PM
5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret
and by Zoom

Present: Benjamin Brickner, Dottie Deans, Alan Graham, Greg Hartford

Public: Cynthia Hewitt

1. Call to Order – Ben called the Committee to order at 7:10 pm.
2. Agenda Review – None.
3. Public Comment – Cynthia Hewitt asked to become a member of the Committee; this will be presented to the Selectboard for approval at its next meeting.
4. Committee Activities – A veterans' memorial was discussed. Alan previously worked on this with Scott Woodward and has preliminary designs for the same, which he will circulate to Committee members. Greg felt a memorial is an appropriate subject of the Committee's efforts. Alan reports he has the names of residents from the Revolutionary War and beyond that can be included in the memorial. He and Greg Hartford will propose a plan to move this project forward. Howard Chase is also interested in helping.

Dottie Deans would like to produce video interviews of town elders to document and memorialize Pomfret's history. Several residents were discussed for inclusion. Alan would like to find someone with time to transcribe interviews conducted previously by the Pomfret Historical Society.

A community event was discussed, tentatively for the weekend of September 6–7 or 13–14 in the Town Hall. This may entail food, beverages, presentations relevant to the 250th anniversary, display of interesting town artifacts, screening of town elder video interviews then available, and a fund raising appeal for future projects, such as the veterans' memorial. Solicitation of local artists and craftsmen for donations towards a silent auction was also suggested. Cameron Clifford will be solicited as a potential speaker, and as a potential contributor to the video history project.

An updated Pomfret recipe book (also a potential fund raising vehicle) was also discussed. Cyndy displayed several recipe books that had been prepared in years past.

5. Review of Assignments – Dottie to prepare video interview list for Committee to review; Alan and Greg to review and (if necessary) revise veterans’ memorial proposal; contact Cameron Clifford regarding video interviews; Cynthia to reserve Town Hall for community event in September, ask Betty Stetson if the final Ladies’ Circle quilt is available for auction, begin work on a recipe book, prepare a listserv message to solicit for a silent auction.
6. Approval of October 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Alan moved and Greg seconded approval of the October 28, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Unanimous.
7. Other Business – None.
8. Adjournment – Alan moved and Dottie seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting of Pomfret’s 250th Anniversary Committee will be Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 7:00 pm at the Town Office and by Zoom. All are welcome.