



TOWN OF POMFRET, VERMONT

VERMONT 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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

Present: Benjamin Brickner, Dottie Deans, Greg Hartford, Cynthia Hewitt

Public: None.

1. Call to Order – Ben called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Agenda Review – None.
3. Public Comment – None.
4. Committee Activities
 - a. Since the last meeting, Cynthia was appointed by the Selectboard as the newest committee member. Welcome Cynthia!
 - b. It was agreed that an event this Fall is no longer feasible due to the amount of work required. The committee is now considering a series of events to occur in 2026, beginning with the annual town meeting information hearing in late February. Event suggestions include a capital campaign towards Town Hall renovations; soliciting local artists for donations for a silent auction; creating a commemorative Pomfret recipe book; and a major event to be held in the summer of 2026, perhaps an open house using a larger venue, e.g., The Prosper Valley School multipurpose room or the lodge at Saskadena Six. A message will be sent to the listserv presenting 2–3 committee-generated ideas and inviting additional suggestions. Cynthia will prepare the message with input from other committee members.
 - c. Dottie created a list of Pomfret residents to be interviewed for the video history project. The list was reviewed, revised, and remains a work in progress. The intention is to make audio and video recordings. There was discussion about hiring a professional videographer versus using an iPhone. Questions for interviews were prepared. There was acknowledgment of urgency in some cases due to health and age of some interviewees.
 - d. Greg and Alan have discussed the possible creation of a Veterans' Memorial. An initial plan involved a timber structure. Greg suggested exploring a stone monument as other towns have done, noting its permanence and less maintenance compared to timber framing. The goal is

for the monument to stand for future generations. Greg and Alan will firm up plans to present at the next meeting.

5. Approval of May 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Dottie moved and Cynthia seconded approval of the May 22, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Unanimous.
6. Other Business – None.
7. Review of Assignments – Greg to reconnect with Alan regarding the Veterans' Memorial Project. Dottie to continue editing the interviewee list and begin contacting potential interviewees. Ben will track down a recent genealogy of multi-generation Pomfret families, scan and sent to Dottie. Cynthia will prepare a listserv message with input from other committee members.
8. Adjournment – Dottie moved and Greg seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

The next meeting of Pomfret's 250th Anniversary Committee will be Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 7:00 pm at the Town Office and by Zoom. All are welcome.