

**Minutes**  
**Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission**  
**Administration and Finance Committee**  
**March 28, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting Only via: Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Attendance:**

John Kruger, Co-chair  
Stephen Perkins  
Laura Trieschmann

**I. Welcome and introductions.**

Committee members in attendance were Stephen Perkins, Laura Trieschmann (advisory member), and John Krueger, vice-chair. All are Commission members.

**II. Initial Fundraising Goals.**

The Committee will focus on raising funds for modest community grants for education, historic site preparation, and commemoration from 2024-2027. The Bennington Monument Restoration Project will be the VT250 Legacy Project.

**III. Initial Promotional Materials.**

We are awaiting work currently underway by the Marketing and Historical Research Committees. There will be some preliminary outreach at the Vermont Historical Society conference later this spring.

**IV. Methods of Fundraising.**

The Committee will seek private donation, write grant applications, and provide outreach to public officials for state and federal funding. The Committee will approach Friends of Mount Independence and/or the Vermont Historical Society to serve as a grant recipient for VT250 grants that the State of Vermont cannot apply for.

**V. Committee Recruitment.**

There was a very general discussion of the skillsets necessary to carry on important work of the Commission. Several names were proposed for consideration as committee members, but none as yet for this particular committee.

