

Draft Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Administration and Finance Committee
May 23, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Only via: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Commission Participants:

Laura Trieschmann, chair

Jim Brangan vice chair

Stephen Perkins

John Krueger

I. Welcome and introductions.

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

II. Fundraising Efforts to Date.

The Committee discussed the possibility of awarding the \$15,000 remaining from the 2021 gift by the Humanitarian Grants Program in \$1,000 grants to fifteen Vermont communities to prepare for the 250th, with a strong preference for those projects that involve children. These funds could be administered through the Vermont Historical Society.

III. CVNHP Funding Opportunities in 2025.

The Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (CVNHP) administered by the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) will award in excess of \$100,000 to 250th projects in 2025. Request for Proposals will be released at the end of this summer and discussed at the Heritage Summit at Basin Harbor on September 18.

IV. Developing a Fundraising Plan for 2023-2027.

Organic and Opportunistic is the best way to characterize the current fundraising plan.

V. Next Steps.

All agreed that we need branding and our own website. Mr. Krueger was tasked with gaining the donor's approval for the allocation of the \$1,000 grants (the gift was originally designated for education and outreach).