

Minutes DRAFT
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
January 16, 2024
1:30 p.m. – 2:00p.m.

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- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Changes to the Agenda**
 - **No changes to the agenda**
- III. Public Comment**
 - **No public comment**
- IV. Approve December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
 - Consensus approval of meeting minutes
- V. Committee Reporting**
 - **School and Teacher Outreach**

Members attended and presented at the VASS conference in December, with great success. Seeking other ways to educators and identify curriculum needs; list of influencers is growing.
 - **Research and Historical**

The presentation has been completed, with voice-over recording and images. Two versions, a short and longer, have been created.
 - **Marketing and Public Outreach**

Contract has been executed with Place Creative for the Logo. Listening sessions scheduled for January 22 and 24; each meeting has invites of about 20 people. Place Creative has created a logo discovery survey, which was sent to all listening session participants.
 - **Arts and Cultural Heritage**

The committee is seeking more members who are on already on the commission and continuing to explore ways to engage arts community.
 - **Finance and Admin**

Grant applications have been received by the Vermont Historical Society and are being reviewed; a second round is set for February 26. The initial

grant from the Sunshine Lady Humanitarian Grant of \$25,000 is being transferred to the Vermont Historical Society as part of the 250th grant program for underrepresented communities provided by Vermont Covered. Meeting held with State Libraries and Agency of Education to identify the book purchasing process and costs. State Libraries is exploring costs for e-book, audio books, and physical books for that shall be used for interlibrary loan; the cost for translations is also being explored. Planning for the next state fiscal year financial should begin this spring with ideas. Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership grants seeking preproposals in October. Jonah Spivak shall be representing Vermont at the Virginia conference, A Common Cause to All: A Convening of States on the 250th Anniversary of the Call for Committees of Correspondence in March. Job posting has been forwarded to the state's contracting and granting team.

VI. New Project Proposals

- America250 has revised their grant agreement. It was shared with the state's legal counsel, who noted all the same challenges and issues preventing execution of such an agreement remain. The executive committee determined this partnership is not successful for the restrictions and mere \$10,000.

VII. Strategic Planning Review (as needed)

- No review undertaken

V. New Business

- **Adjournment**