

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Vermont 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**March 19, 2024**  
**1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Microsoft Teams meeting**

Members Present:      Laura V. Trieschmann  
                                 James Lockridge  
                                 Izzy Provancha  
                                 Martin Mahoney  
                                 John Krueger  
                                 Susan Evans McClure  
                                 Jim Brangan

Members Absent:      Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup

Microsoft Teams meeting  
Meeting was not recorded  
Ms. Trieschmann opened the meeting at 1:30

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Changes to the Agenda**  
Review of Logos was added to agenda
- III. Public Comment**  
No public comment
- IV. Approve February 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes**  
Minutes were not approved; drafting delayed
- V. LOGO Review**  
Ms. Trieschmann and Mr. Mahoney presented the six design options. Each member was provided with an opportunity to voice opinions and preferences.  
  
Numbers 1 and 5 were chosen to move forward for the full Commissions approval. Ms. Trieschmann will set up a special meeting due to public meeting laws for the full Commission to approve a design.
- VI. Committee Reporting**
  - a. School and Teacher Outreach**
    - i. Planning for the Library Conference in May 2024
    - ii. Lacking teacher/influencer participation and will work with curriculum directors
  - b. Research and Historical**
    - i. Preparing language for grant ask for FY26 budget
    - ii. Preparing new Roadside Historic Site Marker recommendations

**c. Marketing and Public Outreach**

- i. Logo decision moving forward to full Commission
- ii. Website pending by Laura Trieschmann

**d. Arts and Cultural Heritage**

- i. No meeting in March
- ii. Preparing language for grant ask for FY26 budget.
- iii. Preparing outreach format for Arts and Cultural Heritage Sector

**e. Finance and Admin**

- i. Vermont Historical Society, as the grant administrator for 250<sup>th</sup>, has awarded 8 grants in coordination with the 250<sup>th</sup> Commission and Vermont Covered. This portion of the grant was opened to 55 communities facing connectivity challenges.
  1. \$25,000 of the grant was initially granted to the 250<sup>th</sup> Commission by the Sunshine Lady Humanitarian Grant Program, founded by Doris Buffett; this was transferred to the Vermont Historical Society as part of this grant program.
  2. Additional funding is expected and being sought from Sunshine Lady Humanitarian Grant Program to support another round of grants open to all communities. Grants will be \$1,000 for 250<sup>th</sup> planning.
  3. Reminder for committees to pull together FY26 grant ask.
  4. Library book purchase in coordination with State Librarian in preparation, expected to be about \$9,000.

**VII. Project Proposals**

• **VAS Teacher Training Cancelled**

- a. At the request of the Vermont Archaeological Society, the 2024 teacher training effort has been cancelled. Ms. Trieschmann has asked that the contract be terminated.
- b. School and Teacher Outreach Committee has requested that funding remain for their future use.

**VIII. Strategic Planning Review**

Final review of our strategic planning was completed in coordination with the Vermont Chief Performance Office. The CPO is available if needed to review and augment our strategic planning as needed.

**IX. New Business**

• **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.