

DRAFT Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
June 18, 2024
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams meeting

Members Present: Laura V. Trieschmann
 James Lockridge
 Izzy Provoncha
 Martin Mahoney
 John Krueger
 Jim Brangan

Members Absent: Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup
 Susan Evans McClure

Microsoft Teams meeting
Meeting was not recorded
Ms. Trieschmann opened the meeting at 1:36pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Megan Albert will be joining as Administrator for 250th Commission.
- Laura will be pushing funding requests for FY26 with the Admin and Financial Committee. Anticipating another difficult legislative session and budgeting.
- 250th stickers are in, Lindsay can mail them to all Commission members.
- Big E takes place in September 2025 and can't have stickers, but we can get magnets. Committee approved order for magnets.

II. Changes to the Agenda

No changes to agenda.

III. Public Comment

No public comment

IV. No Meeting Minutes

No May Meeting to approve

V. Committee Reporting

a. School and Teacher Outreach

- i. The team (Izzy Provoncha, Phil Holland, Catherine Delneo, and Meghan Mallory) presented at Vermont Libraries Conference on May 20. Tabled next to State Libraries, which was handing out free books, so many people stopped by. Had later session, so attendance was lower than they liked.
- ii. Commission is paying fee for teachers to attend Fort Ticonderoga professional development event.

- iii. Talking about developing commemorative card deck at schools, 250th video project that collaborates with Vermont Public Schools.
- iv. Martha Deiss put together a framework of resources, centered around 250th themes.
- v. Reached out to Steve Perkins about doing a student-run interactive map of 250th-related towns, people.
- vi. Many people want developed curriculum, but committee is struggling with time management and updating the information to be relevant to today.
- vii. Spoke with VTCLA Director and sent him a blurb that he will send out to all of the state curriculum directors.

b. Research and Historical

- i. Susan is on vacation this week, but we need to check status of her presentation. Needs to be rerecorded and logo added.

c. Marketing and Public Outreach

- i. Press for 250th is ramping up – Director of Communications has been fielding a lot of calls regarding 250th.
- ii. Laura will be doing an in-person interview with NBC5 this week for Fourth of July.

d. Arts and Cultural Heritage

- i. VCNA has put forward their new Administrator Director Breanna Sheehan as representative for commission. Laura will forward the information to the governor's office.

e. Finance and Admin

- i. Jim Brangan shared that planning grants in second round, 13 total have been approved. Should be about 25 planning grants awarded before July deadline.
- ii. Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership implementation grant will be announced in the next few weeks. At least 14 grants available to support revolutionary war documentation.
- iii. May 10, 2025 – National 250th Commission will be meeting at Fort Ticonderoga.

VI. New Business

- Once veto session ends today, we need to get with the State Librarian about 250th books.
- Laura asked for any additions to full Commission meeting agenda for this Friday.
- **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.