

Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Administration and Finance Committee
June 18, 2024
1:00pm – 1:30pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Members Present: John Krueger
Laura Trieschmann
Jim Brangan
Stephen Perkins

I. Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment

- The War of 1812 started on this day.
- Steve Perkins shared that VHS is opening a new exhibit on June 27 at 4pm. Also shared that statewide museum collections platform may be funded in the upcoming federal fiscal year if it passes.
- Megan Albert has been contracted to assist 250th Commission. Will be attending Friday's Commission meeting.
- Stephen met with Senator Welch's office this morning to discuss 250th.

II. Approval of March 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- Passed by consensus. Note: Laura will send press release for the \$1,000 planning grants.

III. Update on Vermont 250th Anniversary Planning Grants – Steve Perkins

- Second round of planning grants occurred, opened it up to whole state.
- 13 approved, 3-4 sent back to revise and resubmit. At minimum, there will be 25 grants awarded. The next deadline will be in July.
- Eileen will send a PR to the local historical societies/libraries/community groups with examples of funded planning efforts. The website shows the original eight: <https://vermonthistory.org/250th-grants>. John will approach Vermont Covered for additional funds for planning grants and we will work to get implementation grants funded.
- Goal is to get another 25 applicants before July deadline.

IV. Next Steps for Administration and Finance Committee – All

- Megan can compile grant programs and funding opportunities at federal and state level. She will also be working on the 250th Website, attending America 250th conference in D.C.
- The national 250th anniversary commission is meeting on May 10, 2025, meeting at Fort Ticonderoga.
- Laura has only received one combined ask from Research & Historical and Arts & Culture – a \$500,000 ask for implementation grants and

staffing. Note: We will discuss the committees' requests at the next meeting. State funds could go through the Vermont Arts Council, Historical Society, and Humanities Council. Laura will send the "asks" to the A&F Committee shortly.

- Research & Historical also put together request for roadside historic markers that goes over the \$25,000 budget.
- Committee will review requests, send out another email about getting proposals for FY26 from remaining committees.

Next Meeting: July 16 at 1:00 p.m.