

Agenda
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Research.and.Historical.Committee.
July 15, 2024
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Only via:
Microsoft Teams Meeting

- I. Welcome, approve minutes from previous meeting
 - a. In attendance/introductions
 - b. Approve minutes by consensus

- II. Public comment

- III. General 250th commission updates
 - a. Staffing
 - b. Report from commission meeting
 - c. Updates on state funding requests

- IV. 250th Webinars/Meetings:
 - a. Committee has proposed hosting multiple virtual (and possibly in person at EAHM) sessions targeting specific interest groups and working in coordination with other committees; to launch after the website is live
 - b. Format of the Webinar:
 - i. Our committee presents historical perspective (our presentation)
 - ii. commission rep presents about the role of the commission & their resources for groups
 - iii. Open floor discussion (maybe a brainstorm form sent out ahead of time that ppl can fill out to prep them for this discussion)
 - iv. Follow-up email to registered attendees with contact info of presenters (& possibly all registered participants... if they give permission to share this during registration)
 - c. Target audiences:
 - i. Historical societies & museums (plus genealogical groups and reenactors)
 - ii. Educators (K-12, in school and out of school)
 - iii. Municipalities
 - iv. Higher ed
 - v. Art & culture groups
 - d. Discussion:
 - i. Feedback from commission
 - ii. Next steps on hosting, scheduling, staffing, promotion

V. Roadside Markers

- a. Share more information from Laura/VDHP on process for historic markers (justification, research, etc.); members will consider what they individually have capacity/interest to work on
- b. List Committee created in April:
 - i. Fanny Allen Sr. (either grave in Burlington or site of her house in Westminster)
 - ii. Fanny Allen Jr. (hospital location)
 - iii. Ethan Allen Homestead house (site Ethan Allen died) – a version exists
 - iv. Ethan Allen Homestead site (sign for the land, including Indigenous, French, loyalist, Allen family, tenant farming stories)
 - v. Arnold's Bay
 - vi. Old Fire Station/Rutland Historical Society now
 - vii. Bardwell Hotel (now Bardwell House)
 - viii. Immaculate Heart of Mary (Rutland)
 - ix. Putney Inn
 - x. Newport (Black man mentioned in Ethan Allen Homestead archives, more research is needed on him and his story),
 - xi. Crean Brush (Loyalist lived in Westminster, Fanny Allen Sr's stepfather, set the Bounty for Seth Warner, Remember Baker, Ethan Allen- location would be site of his house Westminster, working with Westminster Historical Society)
 - xii. John Peters (appointed to Continental Congress, didn't go, became loyalist, also could include story of his wife)
 - xiii. Death of Sgt Archelaus Tupper 1781 (Orwell, but more research is needed)
 - xiv. Col. Thomas Johnson, Newbury (maybe at his house in Newbury or site at which he was abducted by the British)
 - xv. Dinah Mattis (enslaved woman and her daughter whom Ebenzer Allen presented emancipation certificate in 1777)
 - xvi. Vermont Assembly Meeting site, 1781 (Charleston, NH!)

VI. [As time allows] Projects/Updates: Committee members share short updates on their work

VII. Confirm next meeting date: August19- (Susan out Aug 19, move date to August 12?)