

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
 - i. Paul Deslandes, Barbe Giffin, Angie Grove, Matthew Keagle, Susan McClure
 - b. Minutes approved by consensus
- II. Public comment
- III. General 250th commission updates
 - a. Report from commission meeting
 - i. Staffing- Megan Albert is the new staff member and is working on finalizing the website, which will be up and running soon. She will be joining for future committee meetings.
 - ii. Good sense on information sharing- there is a lot happening across the state now- commission moving toward being a conduit to facilitating the sharing of information
 - iii. Updates on response to webinars (below)
 - iv. Updates on state funding requests – on hold until budget process starts this fall (2025 legislative session)
- IV. 250th Webinars/Meetings:
 - a. Paul shared information about this approach at the full commission meeting, and were given the green light to move ahead on this
 - b. Committee will hosting multiple virtual sessions targeting specific interest groups and working in coordination with other committees; to launch after the website is live
 - c. 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)

- d. Target audiences:
 - i. History, Art, & Culture: Historical societies & museums (plus genealogical groups and reenactors), arts & culture groups.
 - ii. Educators (K-12, in school and out of school)
 - iii. Municipalities
 - iv. Higher ed
- e. Discussion:
 - i. **Scheduling:** Plan is to wait for the website to exist- Paul to confirm with Laura on when website will exist.
 - 1. Target date for webinars is early fall. (Finalize dates, language at next meeting, promote late August/early Sept, mid-September)
 - 2. Dates will be set at August meeting
 - ii. **Finalize event description:** Susan will share in google doc, https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cxE2ENnKvzJET_R9LK--7YQ1HjsKSVm5onSyeEQXohk/edit?usp=sharing committee will edit and finalize by August meeting
 - iii. Event Production: Megan will manage event production, including
 - 1. Set up teams links (and RSVP system)
 - 2. Respond to accessibility requests
 - 3. Design email invitation using logo/branding system
 - 4. Send out invitations
 - iv. Promotion/invitations
 - 1. **Educators:** Share with education committee, VHS (ensure that education committee is there) – evening meeting
 - 2. **Municipalities:** Susan to share with VCLT (ensure that marketing committee is there) – daytime meeting
 - 3. **Higher Ed:** Alexi and Paul - daytime meeting
 - 4. **History, Arts, and Culture:** Historical Societies, Museums, Genealogical, Reenactors, Arts and Culture: Angie to ask Eileen to share with LLHS; Matt, Chris, Angie, Barbe to add to this list- evening meeting (ensure that Christopher K-I/Arts & Culture committee can be there)

V. Roadside Markers:

- a. Committee updated the list to be focused on Rev War era topics and locations. Updated suggested list:
 - 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. Putney Inn
 - vii. Newport (Black man mentioned in Ethan Allen Homestead archives, more research is needed on him and his story),
 - viii. 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)
 - ix. John Peters (appointed to Continental Congress, didn't go, became loyalist, also could include story of his wife)
 - x. Death of Sgt Archelaus Tupper 1781 (Orwell, but more research is needed)
 - xi. Col. Thomas Johnson, Newbury (maybe at his house in Newbury or site at which he was abducted by the British)
 - xii. Dinah Mattis (enslaved woman and her daughter whom Ebenzer Allen presented emancipation certificate in 1777)
 - xiii. Vermont Assembly Meeting site, 1781 (Charleston, NH!)
- b. Pausing on this until we have more information on process and get through webinars
- VI. [As time allows] Projects/Updates: Committee members share short updates on their work
- VII. Confirm next meeting date: August 19- (Susan out Aug 19, move date to August 12?)
- a. Susan will ask Alexi, Paul, Chris if they can do August 12, date will be confirmed ASAP