

VT250 Admin and Finance Agenda and Meeting DRAFT Notes January 16, 2024

- Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment

Laura, Steve, and John

- Approval of December 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes

There was consensus on approval.

- Update on Book Distribution Project – Laura Trieschmann

Laura reports that the agency of education and the state libraries will work together to get books to the state library which will allow for inter-library loans, e-books, and audio books. Begin the repositories and go from there. The state library is doing an inventory and a cost estimate should be delivered shortly. Steve pointed out that a national social studies group has developed a list of materials that can be of help. He'll send it along to Laura. John pointed out that publishers will provide books for reduced prices or free.

- Update on [Vermont 250th Anniversary Planning Grants](#) – Steve Perkins

Ready to give away money. The VHS has submitted the request. Laura is working to overcome the obstacles at the state level. There are five completed applications at VHS. Eileen is working to get more content from the communities. The deadline for the final grant is February 26, 2024. We'll discuss more at the February meeting.

- Next Steps for Administration and Finance Committee – All

We need a defined plan for getting State of Vermont money to the commission in 2026 and 2027. We need to identify a “legislative ask” for those years. Steve responded that a “every town approach” to 2026 would be a good goal. Steve would like to give a presentation on what VHS is planning for the revolution at the next full commission meeting. The committee will start developing a framework for funding priorities beginning in February and finishing in September 2024.

After discussion, the committee recommends that the commission send Jonah Spivak to the America 250 conference in Virginia.

- Next Meeting: February 20, 2024