

Agenda
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Research and Historical Committee
April 17, 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. Logo/branding updates

- IV. Funding request: feedback from Commissioner on committee's suggested funding requests:
 - a. *Vermont's 250th Anniversary Commission will fund new research to highlight new voices and stories related to the Revolution that result in public history programs and products that fit within the 4 themes laid out by the 250th Commission (Forming Identities, Conflict and Struggle, Diversity of Experience, and Legacies). Examples of programs or products may include films, exhibits, public programs, curricula, publications, etc. Grants of \$5,000-\$10,000 for 14 projects statewide (\$100,000).*
 - b. *"Vermont Now and Next"- a historical and future-focused symposium bringing together Vermont's higher education institutions, public history sites, students, and the public focused on legacies of the Revolutionary Era in Vermont and its impact on our world today (speakers, interactive experiences, discussions, hosted at UVM) \$150,000*

- V. Roadside Markers
 - a. Come up with ideas for roadside markers (and partners/authorities who would be the right people to write them). This is the list of all that currently exist: <https://acd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/roadside-markers>
 - b. Suggested roadside marker ideas:
 - i. Fanny Allen Sr. (either at gravesite or Westminster Massacre site)
 - ii. Fanny Allen Jr. (hospital location)
 - iii. Ethan Allen Homestead house (site Ethan Allen died)
 - 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. Remember Baker story/location
- x. Putney Inn
- xi. Newport (Black man mentioned in Ethan Allen Homestead archives, more research is needed on him and his story),
- xii. 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)
- xiii. Ann Story at her gravesite

- VI. Talk about timing/schedule for future meetings (changing in May)
- VII. Discuss hosting a webinar/training session about 250th Commission
 - a. When/how/who is the audience?
 - b. Format (presentation + Q&A session)?
 - c. Host/presenter?
- VIII. Additional requests from 250th Commission
- IX. [As time allows] Projects/Updates: Committee members share short updates on their work
- X. Confirm next meeting date: TBD