

Agenda
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Research and Historical Committee
Feb 21, 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: Paul Deslandes, Alexi Garrett, Barbara Griffin, Angela Grove, Susan McClure
 - b. Approve minutes by consensus
- II. Public comment
- III. 250th Presentation next steps (and final video!)
 - a. Susan shared that the full commission discussed the presentation at the Commission meeting this week. The goal of the presentation was to be as broad and contextual as possible. The commission agreed to move forward with putting the presentation on the website when it launches.
 - b. Paul shared that the Commission is committed to sharing inclusive perspectives on the Revolution and how Vermonters might situate their stories/experiences within that, but that not every single commissioner agrees with that. Even so, the majority of commissioners were very supportive of the work of this group and they are moving forward with using the presentation on the website.
 - c. Susan shared that the presentation is available for anyone who wants to give the presentation
- IV. Update on the logo: the marketing committee is working with Place Creative design firm and trying to move quickly
- V. Grants Funding:
 - a. Develop a recommendation/request for grants that can be created to support researchers (that will go into Historic Preservation's request to legislature). Figure out criteria for granting (and potentially working with Vermont Humanities or another partner to manage the grants)
 - i. Suggestion from Commission to host an academic symposium on the 250th at UVM (similar to one hosted about 150th of Civil War)
 - Angie suggested using the event criteria that we've already come up with
 - Paul suggested commission was looking for ideas about what kinds of projects we might want to see funded
 - Recommendation for funding:
 - o 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).

- “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

VI. 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://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/roadside-markers>
- b. Moving to next meeting

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

VIII. Confirm next meeting date: Wednesday March 20 3-4pm