

Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
March 28, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams meeting

Attendance:

Laura V. Trieschmann, Commission Chair

John Kruger, Finance and Admin Committee vice chair

Jonah Spivak, School and Teacher Outreach Committee chair

Susan McClure, Research and Historical Committee chair

James Lockridge, Arts and Cultural Heritage Committee chair

Cristopher Kaufmann Ilstrup, Arts and Cultural Heritage Committee vice chair

Martin Mahoney, Marketing and Public Outreach Committee chair

Cynthia Davis, Administrative Coordinator

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Changes to the Agenda

- Mr. Spivak requested a change to the agenda by moving Strategic Planning to after Committee Reporting.

III. Public Comment

- No public comment

IV. [Approve February 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)

V. Strategic Planning Review

- Ms. Trieschmann reported that the efforts of the commission and committees are meeting the four adopted strategic goals. Committees are expanding and when funding is finalized, momentum will increase.
- The contract with Alexandra Piper was extended for another year for the outreach marketing text/video. The scope of work remains the same with the contract extended to April 2024.
- The contract with Vermont Archaeological Society (Angela Labrador) has been signed for the teacher trainings. The contract runs from May 2023 to December 2023.

VI. Project Proposals

- Committee members discussed the format and schedule of the public outreach, created in part through the contract with Alexandra Piper. Estimated roll out in September 2023.

- Mr. Spivak proposed the creation of a resolution template to be provided to all 252 cities and towns to engage the communities and as a way to show their support.

VII. Committee Reporting

- **School and Teacher Outreach**

- Mr. Spivak reported the committee is searching for experts on Ethan Allen, and several recommendations were offered.

- **Research and Historical**

- Ms. McClure provided an update on Research and Historical Committee met on March 27, 2023. This was their first meeting, and the focus was to build a short list of goals. Ideas presented: a small fellowship program for Vermont historians and how to connect the public with the planning and events of the 250th. The Revolutionary War narratives project, supported by National Council on Public History, the American Association for State and Local History, and the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums, was noted.

<https://sites.google.com/view/revolutionary-narratives/home>

- **Marketing and Public Outreach**

- The committee has not yet convened. Mr. Spivak requested an employee from Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing join the committee (SHPO followed up with VDTM and the commissioner agreed to assign it to the right staffer).

- **Arts and Cultural Heritage**

- Mr. Lockridge reported the committee is still forming and has not met yet but is expected to meet the last week of each month.

- **Admin and Finance**

- Mr. Kruger reported that the committee met to discuss grants for the 191 historical societies and small museums; the announcement would be made in 2023 at the Vermont Historical Society meeting in April with criteria and applications provided at the 2024 meeting. Fellowship program for funding at \$500 to \$1,000 were mentioned. The Bennington Battle Monument rehabilitation shall be the legacy project. There was discussion of potential committee members and coordinating with the Friends of Mount Independence to apply for grants on behalf of ACCD and 250th Commission, which are not eligible.

VIII. New Business

- **Adjournment**