

**Minutes**  
**Vermont 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission**  
***History and Culture Committee***  
**June 16, 2025**  
**3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting via: Microsoft Teams Meeting**  
**In Person at Ethan Allen Homestead Museum**

***About the History and Culture Committee:***

Committee Purpose: Support history and culture organizations in Vermont to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup>

- **Promotion:** Ensure that orgs are sharing events on the events calendar
- **Supporting Funding Opportunities:**
  - o Sharing info about grants and funding resources through our networks
  - o Support Vermont Humanities on future 250<sup>th</sup> funding opportunities (potential training on evaluating applications or participating in grant panels)
  - o Host future webinars on 250<sup>th</sup> funding across the state (as they come together)
- **Supporting Organizations:**
  - o Survey organizations to see what they want for support from the 250<sup>th</sup> Commission
- **Historians and Cultural Leaders:**
  - o Continue to play a role as historians and cultural leaders in supporting Vermont's 250<sup>th</sup> commission's work
  - o Provide resources for organizations on historical information, content, and collections to support their work

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome, approve minutes [from March meeting](#)
  - a. Consensus approval of minutes
  - b. In attendance: Angie, Matt, Christopher, Paul, Eileen Corcoran (VHS)
- II. Public comment
- III. Review Committee purpose statement- any update/actions?
- IV. Updates on 250<sup>th</sup> Commission funding and grant making (Vermont Humanities, Vermont Arts Council)
  - a. \$25K of VT250 Commission funding going to support Vermont Humanities project grants in the summer
  - b. \$25K of VT250 Commission funding is going to support Vermont Arts Council to match an additional \$25K in NEA funding for 250<sup>th</sup> grants – more details will come from Vermont Arts Council when they receive paperwork from the NEA on the additional \$25K
- V. Re-posting/sharing content on the website
  - a. As groups, individuals, historical societies, etc. create content and ask VT250 to share it, is there a system for review and approval?

- i. Recommendation is to use the event approval system to approve content as well as events- people who want us to share their content need to fill out the form to review whether or not we should share their content
    - ii. We could include links to their site for the content on the resources page of the website
- VI. [As time allows] Projects/Updates: Committee members share short updates on their work
  - a. Eileen Corcoran shared information about VHS work related to the 250<sup>th</sup>, including opportunities to collaborate with LLHM on outreach related to 250<sup>th</sup> grant opportunities
- VII. Discuss future meeting dates- monthly? quarterly?
  - a. Continue discussion of another outreach meeting in the fall? About grant funding and promotion
  - b. Could we align some in-person meetings with VHS LLHM in late summer/fall? Eileen will think about this and we will be in touch to coordinate where it is possible!
  - c. Moving to quarterly meetings between the Commission meetings