

Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission School and Teacher
Outreach Committee
April 7, 2025 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Only: Microsoft Teams meeting

Members Present: Martha Deiss, Izzy Provancha, Jonah Spivak, Rich Strum, Phil Holland, Meghan Hill.

Staff: Megan Albert

I. Welcome and Introductions

Martha opened the meeting at 3:00pm.

II. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

III. Approval of March minutes

Jonah made a motion to approve the February and March 2025 meeting minutes. Phil Holland seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Old Business

- **Budget**

The committee reviewed the recent Commission update on the budget. Martha suggested the committee get creative with projects moving forward that have little to no cost including emphasizing the rest-stop art project and inclusion of events at State Historic Sites and any projects that will provide opportunities to teach and learn. Rich mentioned the upcoming Nova special and mid-October Ft. Ticonderoga webinar as other opportunities for this.

- **VASS- December 2025**

The plan for the committee to be involved in VASS moving forward is to work with Meghan Hill. The conference is scheduled on August 18th.

- **Coloring Book**

Phil Holland updated the committee on the K-2 Vermont 250th coloring book. It was suggested that a digital version would be much more inexpensive. However, an artist would need to be paid to create it and there is no funding available for the project.

- **CTE/Vermont Public**

Martha said there was some concern that the inquiry was too political. She will have more updates on this next week and plans to invite Heather to the next committee meeting.

VI. New Business

- **Vermont Humanities Council- Vermont Reads**

Vermont Public is set to expand the program. Izzy said he has not yet heard back about updates on this. There was a discussion about possibly hosting 250th themed presentations at historic sites.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2025