

Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission

December 13, 2022

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Only – Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Approved January 27, 2023

Commission Participants:

Laura Trieschmann, chair

Jim Brangan, vice chair

James Lockridge

Israel Provancha

Susan McClure

Jonah Spivak

Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup

John Krueger

Melody Machin

Stephen Perkins

Martin Mahoney

Tom Hughes

Catherine Delneo

Commission Absent:

Paul Deslandes

Heather Pelham

Staff Participants:

Cynthia Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Elsa Gilbertson, Historic Sites Administrator

Guests:

Phil Holland, Education Committee

Mike Barbieri, Historian

Katie Bockwoldt, Chief Performance Office

Ms. Trieschmann opened the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Meeting was not recorded

I. Welcome

II. Changes to the Agenda

- No changes to agenda

III. Public Comment

- No public comment

IV. Review/Approve May 10, 2022, Minutes

- Mr. Spivak made a motion to approve the minutes; motion was seconded by Mr. Kruger.
Motion passed 11-0-2
Rollcall vote:
Mr. Krueger – Yes

Mr. Brangan – Yes

Ms. Delneo -Yes
Mr. Spivak – Yes
Mr. Perkins – Yes
Mr. Lockridge – Yes
Ms. McClure – Yes
Mr. Kaufman Ilstrup – Yes

Ms. Machin – Yes
Mr. Hughes – unavailable
Mr. Provoncha – unavailable
Mr. Mahoney – Yes
Ms. Trieschmann – Yes

V. Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Review (Max Krieger)

- Maxwell Krieger, general counsel for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, provided an overview of the responsibilities of the commissioners, public meeting laws and rules, conflicts of interest, and other legal matters pertinent to the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission.

VI. Draft Text: Introductory Outreach Presentation (Alexandria Piper))

- The draft text for the Introductory Outreach Presentation was emailed to Commissioners prior to the meeting and was uploaded to the 250th Commission Microsoft Teams site. The text was prepared by Alexandria Piper, with whom the State contracted per the direction of the 250th Commission. This text along with images in a PowerPoint and/or video will be used for outreach and at community presentations. Commissioners were asked review the document and provide any comments or edits using track changes prior to the next meeting. The contract with Ms. Piper was also posted on the Teams site.

VII. Project Proposal: K-12 Teacher Training Workshop in Place-Based Education “Freedom and Unity: The Struggle for Independence on the Vermont Frontier

- The project proposal, prepared by Angela Labrador, was sent via email to Commissioners prior to the meeting and posted to the 250th Commission Microsoft Teams page. At the May 23, 2022 meeting, the Commission passed a motion to enable the chair to spend up to \$10,000 to continue and augment the work Ms. Labrador did two summers ago with the K-12 teacher training “Freedom and Unity.” The proposal is \$12,000 and is being presented to the Commission for consideration. Questions relating to the format of funding grants were raised. It was determined that Commissioners should review the proposal, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Ms. Trieschmann notified Ms. Labrador that the Commission is still reviewing her proposal.

VIII. Education Committee Updates

- Vermont Alliance for Social Studies Conference
Mr. Holland announced that the Vermont Alliance for Social Studies Conference took place last week in Montpelier and was the first annual conference in four years. The conference was well attended with 150 teachers. The theme was “Imagining the 250th and beyond,” presented by several

members of the Commission and Committee. Twenty-eight teachers signed up to receive emails about the 250th commemoration efforts. There were several discussions surrounding teaching materials, funds for field trips, and professional development. Mr. Spivak added the committee would like to immediately send a short list of resources to teachers to promote involvement and excitement, as well as convene a listening session for teacher feedback.

IX. Strategic Planning

- Katie Bockwoldt, Chief Performance Office, provided an overview of the completed Strategic Plan resulting from the discussions during the two Commission Strategic Planning meetings. The final Strategic Plan was uploaded to the Vermont 250th Microsoft Teams site.

X. Committees and Governance

- Katie Bockwoldt, Chief Performance Office, provided an overview of the summary structure of the Commission's committees and governance. The final Committee Structure and Governance was uploaded to the Vermont 250th Microsoft Teams site. The Commission acknowledged this structure would change the chair structure of the Education Committee and expressed gratitude and hope that the co-chairs who have done such a wonderful job thus far shall continue to serve on the committee.

Mr. Brangan made a motion to adopt the Strategic Plan and Committee Structure and Governance; Mr. Mahoney seconded the motion.

Motion passed 13-0

Mr. Krueger – Yes

Mr. Brangan – Yes

Ms. Delneo -Yes

Mr. Spivak – Yes

Mr. Perkins – Yes

Mr. Lockridge – Yes

Ms. McClure – Yes

Mr. Kaufman Ilstrup – Yes

Ms. Machin – Yes

Mr. Hughes – Yes

Mr. Provoncha – Yes

Mr. Mahoney – Yes

Ms. Trieschmann – Yes

The Commission expressed gratitude for the guidance and support of Ms. Bockwoldt.

Commissioners who would like to chair a committee were invited to express their interest to Ms. Trieschmann and Mr. Brangan.

XI. New Business

Mr. Brangan suggested the Commission meet in January or February. Ms. Davis will send out a Doodle Poll for meeting scheduling.

XII. Adjourn

- Mr. Brangan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Krueger seconded the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM