



Concord 2025 Executive Committee
History & Education Subcommittee
Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 4 pm
Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike
Virtual Meeting

Present: David Wood, Tom Bates, Bill Bailey, Allison Forseter, Susan Foster, Kim Frederick, Bob Furey, Reed Gochberg, Bob Gross, Anna Rasmussen, Beth van Duzer,

Non-members: Jim Hollister, Jarrod Fuoss, Johanna Glazer, Karlen Reed

1. Administrative Items

- a. Call to Order: 4.00 pm – a quorum being present.
- b. David Wood welcomed new subcommittee member Bill Bailey.
- c. Bob Furey moved to accept and approve the November 29, 2022, Concord 2025 Executive Committee, History & Education Subcommittee minutes. Anna Rasmussen seconded the motion. The committee unanimously voted via roll call to approve the minutes.
- d. Heard from Johanna Glazer, CCHS Social Studies Department Chair. She is looking forward to hearing what the subcommittee plans to do and is looking to support the work on the subcommittee.

2. Discussion / Action Items

- a. Update on teacher education / professional development workshop – **Susan Foster & Allison Forseter:** Susan and Kim reached out to a number of people and organizations since the November meeting, including Johanna Glazer who put them in touch with Fitchburg State. The budding relationship with Fitchburg State means teachers attending the workshops will potentially be able to earn affordable graduate credits. Teachers from Lexington, Concord, Lawrence, Westford, and Andover are confirmed for the initial professional development workshop. Currently, representatives from Lowell and Boston are being finalized. Next steps are finalizing cultural institutions to visit and solidifying partners.
- b. GIS War Stores – **David Wood:** The mapping project could benefit the professional development. Joel Bohy's research and the documents he has collected over the years could potentially be used by participants.
- c. Update on NEH Planning Grant – **Reed Gochberg:** The museum is planning three linked exhibitions and has applied for an NEH Planning Grant to help fund them.
- d. Catalog of Museum Artifacts for April 19th – **David Wood:** A print publication is currently being worked on by the museum; however, a digital publication may also be possible. The digital publication could be a resource that would be readily distributed to teachers as a resource.
- e. Create a collectible newspaper – At the last meeting creating a collectible newspaper that evokes the style of the 18th century was suggested. How

to create it needs to be researched more.

- f. New Ideas
 - i. Lafayette Bicentennial 2024 – **David Wood**: A group is hoping to recreate Lafayette’s grand tour of the United States. Lafayette visited Concord in early September 1824. The group contacted the museum and Bob Gross. **David Wood** will bring up the Lafayette Bicentennial to the Executive Committee to see which sub-committee should follow-up.
 - ii. **Anna Rasmussen** asked if there would be walking tours for the 250th using the information the committee was gathering. **Beth van Duzer** and **Susan Foster** agreed to touch base on this.
 - iii. **Anna Rasmussen**: Suggested to reach out to Lincoln or Sudbury teachers. **Jim Hollister of Minute Man National Historical Park** stated the park could be used to reach out to communities as it covers all of them.
 - iv. Partnering with NPS for a Town Meeting – **Jim Hollister of Minute Man National Historical Park**: The NPS plans on kicking off their 250 celebration in January of 2024 with a reenactment of the January 10, 1774 Town Meeting. The NPS would like to work with as many people from this committee as possible, and others, to make this event a success. A recent event the NPS participated in was televised on C-SPAN and they hope to promote the 2024 event and have national coverage of that as well.
3. Bob Furey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anna Rasmussen seconded the motion. After a unanimous roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned by David Wood at 5.00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Beth van Duzer