



TOWN OF POMFRET, VERMONT

VERMONT 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2024, 7:30 PM
via Zoom

1. Call to Order – The Committee was called to order at 7:31 pm. Members Present: Benjamin Brickner and Alan Graham. No guests were present.
2. Agenda Review – None.
3. Public Comment – None.
4. Committee Activities – At the 2024 Tunbridge World’s Fair, Alan queried Jerry Ward, one of actors doing American Civil War reenactments to see if the group might be available to do something for the 250th celebration in Pomfret. They book engagements and we should contact them with a specific date in mind if this is something we want to do. They are a 501(c)(3) operating by donations. Their website is <https://suvchw.org>.

The Pomfret Historical Society (PHS) has an 18” x 6’ fabric photograph of a hemlock tree section felled in Pomfret. The tree rings predate the history of town and could be used to create a timeline of historic dates.

Ben and Alan agreed that we should plan for an event to coincide with the annual town meeting day informational hearing to be held in late February as this would help boost attendance.

Ben suggested that we have the original Pomfret town charter on display at one of the planned 250th gatherings. The PHS paid for a full-size photo of the front and back of the charter, which would also be available. PHS also has smaller images of the town charter that could be handed out and keepsakes.

Alan queried if the Vermont 250th Community Planning Grant funds received by the Committee could be used to pay for someone to add content to the new PHS website (<https://pomfrethistoryvt.com>). Ben indicated that this would be excellent use of the funds, which need to be expended by December 31. Some funds will also be needed for promotional posters and events materials that Gennie Lawrence is preparing.

5. Other Business – None.
6. Adjournment – It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.