



Concord 2025 Executive Committee
History & Education Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 4 pm
Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike, Concord, MA 01742
In-person meeting

Present: David Wood, Tom Bates, Susan Foster, Beth van Duzer, Allison Forseter, Anna Rasmussen, Bill Bailey

1. Administrative Items

- a. Call to Order: 4.02 pm – a quorum being present.
- b. Tom Bates moved to accept and approve the February 28, 2023, Concord 2025 Executive Committee, History & Education Subcommittee minutes. Anna Rasmussen seconded the motion. The committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

2. Discussion / Possible Action Items

- a. David Wood updated the Subcommittee on the 250 Executive Committee meetings:
 - i. Article 25 was not moved at Town Meeting regarding funding, for FY24 there will be \$600,000 of funding from other sources.
 - ii. A joint meeting between Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, and Arlington will occur on June 1, 2023, in the Goodwin Forum.
 - iii. The feedback on the April 19th parade, aside from the delay because of “late arriving crown forces,” was positive.
- b. Update on projects:
 - i. **Susan Foster/Allison Forseter** reported that 10 of the 12 teachers for the professional teacher workshop training for Summer 2023 have been identified. Many of the locations the teachers will visit have also been pinpointed. The goal is to create a menu of primary sources with these 12 teachers then to hear from teachers what they and school systems need to set us up for next years’ workshop.
 - ii. **David Wood** reported that the museum is waiting to hear back from the NEH on the NEH Planning Grant.
 - iii. **Beth van Duzer** has been researching soldiers from Concord during the entire eight years of the war. The results of the research so far:
 1. Six graves in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery had never been marked with flags. Mrs. van Duzer contacted Tish Hopkins, the cemetery supervisor, to have flag holders placed by the six graves and add their names to the list of veterans that receive flags. The six

veterans are:

Reuben Ball	Ephraim Brown	Benjamin Hosmer
Thaddeus Blood	Ephraim Farrar	William Mercer

2. Secondly, Mrs. van Duzer found that 13 men, in addition to Reverend William Emerson, died during the American Revolution. Mrs. van Duzer sent the names to Sue McCrory, PCCC Chair, to add their names to the list read on Memorial Day. Their names are:

Richard Anthony	John Corneall	Solomon Rice
Benjamin Ball	Barnabas Davis	Ebenezer Smith
Simeon Burridge	Thomas Fay	William Wilson
William Burridge	Danforth Heywood	
William Buttrick	Tilly Holden	

3. Finally, the research also brought to light a soldier named George Black. His death index listed him as "one of Burgoyne's soldiers." Research is ongoing to learn more about this soldier and other soldiers.

3. Adjournment: Susan Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anna Rasmussen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by David Wood at 5:01 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Beth van Duzer