

**Christa McAuliffe State House Memorial Commission
Meeting Minutes for Approval 03/05/2024
Friday, February 16, 2024
New Hampshire State Library
20 Park Street
Concord, NH 03301**

The Commission convened at 8:06 am.

Members Present: James Scully, Sen. Rebecca Whitley, Representative Steve Shurtleff, Jeanne Gerulskis, Bill Dunlap, Paul Smith, Karen Rantamaki, Representative Tim McGough (Arrived at 8:10 am)

Members Absent: Sarah Stewart, Linda Frawley

James Scully welcomed the group back.

The group voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from December 13, 2023.

Benjamin Victor will be providing an update on progress soon.

The Commission has the sole authority to determine the location of the statue.

Subcommittee work to divide and conquer.

- State House Preparation Subcommittee – Senator Whitley, Paul Smith, Jeanne Gerulskis, Bill Dunlap, Linda Frawley
- Installation – Steve Shurtleff, Tim McGough, James Scully, Karen Rantamaki, Commissioner Stewart

Paul Smith brought up the idea of bringing back the Alan Shepard portrait and expand the display to include Christa McAuliffe. This will require approaching the Joint Legislative Historical Committee. The group agreed unanimously to support the proposition.

Jeanne Gerulskis provided an update on a documentary. New Hampshire Public Television plans to raise money to create a documentary. They will be partnering with Idaho Public Television for footage for about a 30-minute documentary. It will be about Christa's legacy, her impact in New Hampshire, and the unveiling of the statue.

Terry Pfaff joined the group to talk about the location on the State House Lawn. He discussed the need for open space to remain on the lawn for groups that come in to use it as a public square.

The Chairman opened the meeting for public comment.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 am. The next meeting date is March 5, 2024 at 8:00 am