

**Christa McAuliffe State House Memorial Commission
Meeting Minutes for Approval 4/17/2024
Wednesday, April 9, 2024
New Hampshire State Library
20 Park Street
Concord, NH 03301**

The Commission convened at 8:04 am.

Members Present: James Scully, Sen. Rebecca Whitley, Representative Steve Shurtleff, Representative Tim McGough, Sarah Stewart, Jeanne Gerulskis, Bill Dunlap, and Paul Smith.

Members Absent: Karen Rantamaki

James Scully welcomed the group back and provided an update on communication with Benjamin Victor and his progress thus far.

There was a discussion regarding the clear goals that were outlined with Mr. Victor when he visited New Hampshire and James Scully committed to reaching back out to Mr. Victor and requesting that he join the Commission via Microsoft Teams for their next meeting. Ben Wilson offered the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources as their audio/visual equipment is fantastic.

Bill Dunlap then led a discussion regarding procuring the granite for the base of the sculpture. The group discussed both shape and size with the hopes of making a final decision at their next meeting. There was a brief discussion about the plaques that will be attached to the sides of the base and their content.

The Celebration Subgroup then gave an update regarding their meeting. Paul Smith put together a nice synopsis for the group to review. The Commission decided that 10am on September 2, 2024. There was a general discussion about closing roads and contacting the City of Concord.

The Commission then spoke about what they want the celebration to “feel” like. It was unanimous that the hope would be that it would be a celebratory event.

The meeting concluded at 9:07 am. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 1:00pm at the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.