



STATE OF VERMONT
AGENCY OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
HISTORIC SITES DIVISION
MONTPELIER, VERMONT 05602
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Minutes of Vermont State Advisory
Council on Historic Preservation

Date: January 9, 1975

Place: St. Michael's College
Winooski, Vermont

Present: Robert Burley
John Duffy
William Haviland
Joseph Popecki
William Pinney
Courtney Fisher
John Magie

Absent: Nicholas Muller

The meeting was convened by the Chairman, Robert Burley, at 3:15 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

The following four sites were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Council for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

Greensboro Depot - Greensboro
Italian Baptist Church - Barre
Brattleboro Downtown Historic District - Brattleboro
Winterbotham Estate - Burlington

The Council then initiated a review of grant-in-aid requests for Fiscal Year 1975. A list of twenty-two grant applications submitted to the Vermont Division of Historic Sites as of December 30, 1974, was distributed and each listed project was briefly summarized by Mr. Pinney. Following Mr. Pinney's recommendation, the Council unanimously approved the matching of local expenditures on six of these projects with State of Vermont preservation funds:

	<u>Estimated Expenditures FY-1975</u>	<u>State Grant Approved FY-1975</u>
<u>Black River Academy</u> Ludlow	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
<u>Robinson Sawmill</u> Kent's Corner	3,000	1,500
<u>Rokeby</u> Ferrisburg	6,000	3,000
<u>Meeting House</u> Strafford	7,000	3,500
<u>Union Station</u> Brattleboro	6,000	3,000
<u>Pine Brook Covered Bridge</u> Waitsfield	<u>14,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Totals	\$42,000	\$21,000

The Council also approved the expenditure of FY-1975 federal funds through the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act (PL-89-665) on the following three projects:

Ripton Community House, Ripton - Estimated total FY-1975 expenditure: \$32,383. The Council approved a maximum of \$15,000 in PL-89-665 federal funds as requested by the Town of Ripton.

Old Stone House, Winooski - Estimated total FY-1975 expenditure: \$150,000. The Council approved a maximum of \$20,000 in PL-89-665 funds to assist the Winooski Bicentennial Commission in real estate acquisition and emergency repairs.

Barre Opera House, Barre - Estimated total FY-1975 expenditure: \$511,120, including Phase II (project development - \$58,000) and Phase III (restoration - \$453,120). The Council approved a maximum allocation of \$29,000 in PL-89-665 funds to the City of Barre or 50% of the total Phase II costs.

The Council discussed several additional grant applications but decided to defer action on thirteen remaining applications to a subsequent Council meeting. The Division offered to secure more information (especially cost breakdowns) on several of these projects for use at this subsequent meeting, which was scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 1975, in Montpelier.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Q. Magie
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MINUTES OF VERMONT STATE ADVISORY
COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE: January 22, 1975

PLACE: Vermont Federal Savings Bank
99 State Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

PRESENT: Robert Burley
John Duffy
William Haviland
William Pinney
Joseph Popecki

ABSENT: Nicholas Muller

STAFF PRESENT: Chester Liebs
John Magie

The meeting was convened by the Chairman, Robert Burley, at 10:45 a.m.

Popecki moved (Haviland seconded) that the minutes of the last meeting (January 9, 1975) be approved with an amendment reflecting a Council request that following each Council meeting the Division distribute a press release concerning that meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

The Council then continued its review, begun at the last meeting, of Fiscal Year 1975 grant-in-aid applications submitted to the Division.

Pursuant to the Division's recommendation, the Council approved unanimously the allocation of FY-1975 federal grants under the National Historic Preservation Act (PL 89-665) to the following

three projects - and the withdrawal of state grants to these projects, as had been approved at the last meeting:

	<u>Federal Grant Approved</u>
× <u>Rokeby</u> - Ferrisburg	\$3,000
✓ <u>Meeting House</u> - Strafford	3,500
× <u>Union Station</u> - Brattleboro	3,000

The Council also approved unanimously the following revised list of FY-1975 projects to be assisted through State of Vermont preservation funds:

	<u>State Grant Approved</u>
✓ <u>Pine Brook Covered Bridge</u> - Waitsfield	\$7,000
✓ <u>Sawmill</u> - Kent's Corner	1,500
✓ <u>Black River Academy</u> - Ludlow	3,000
✓ <u>Robbins & Lawrence Armory</u> - Windsor	3,000

Popecki moved (Haviland seconded) that the Division seek an opinion from Vermont's Attorney General as to whether the "Right-to-Know" statute is applicable to Council deliberations -- approved unanimously. The Council also approved unanimously a resolution that the Council proceed as if its meetings were covered by this statute. The Council asked that the Division issue advance public notices of each Council meeting.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

The Council approved unanimously the allocation of FY-1975 federal funds (PL 89-665) on the following projects:

	<u>Federal Grant Approved</u>
<u>Old Red Mill - Jericho</u>	\$30,285
<u>Cyrus Eaton House - Brownington</u>	10,000
<u>Congregational Church - Williston</u>	28,850
<u>Woodstock Covered Bridge - Woodstock</u>	10,000
<u>Upper Falls Covered Bridge - Weathersfield</u>	8,000
<u>Three Covered Bridges - Randolph</u>	10,000
<u>Kent Tavern - Kent's Corner</u>	10,825
<u>Chittenden County Courthouse - Burlington</u>	17,000

The Council also reaffirmed its FY-1975 allocation of PL 89-665 funds to the following three projects as approved at the Council's last meeting:

	<u>Federal Grant Approved</u>
<u>Ripton Community House - Ripton</u>	\$15,000
<u>Old Stone House - Winooski</u>	20,000
<u>Barre Opera House - Barre</u>	29,000

The Council decided to postpone action on grant applications for the Stone Mill (Middlebury), Follett House (Burlington), and New Avenue Hotel (St. Johnsbury). The Council asked that the Division continue to explore the possible future funding of these and other projects with still unallocated FY-1975 federal funds (PL 89-665).

Burley suggested that the Council meet again in about thirty (30) days.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Q. Magie

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STATE OF VERMONT
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PAVILION OFFICE BUILDING
MONTPELIER
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MINUTES OF VERMONT STATE ADVISORY
COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Date: March 26, 1975
Place: St. Michael's College
Winooski, Vt.
Present: Robert Burley
Joseph Popecki
William Haviland
Nicholas Muller
William Pinney
Absent: John Duffy
Staff: Courtney Fisher

The meeting was convened by the Chairman, Robert Burley, at 3:25 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting (January 22) were approved.

The following sites were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Council for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

South Hero Inn
Vermont College Hall
Whitehill House
Stone Blacksmith Shop
Bradford Historic District
Windsor Historic District

William Pinney gave official thanks to the members of the Council for their letters and testimony in support of H.279.

William Pinney reported that he had contacted the Attorney General's Office concerning the "Right To Know" law and its effect on the Council. The Attorney General indicated that the Council was subject to the law (Title I, Sec. 312). The Council voted that all Council meetings should fall in the special meeting category.

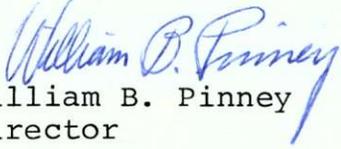
The Council was brought up to date on 1975 grants - especially Middlebury and Jericho.

The Council voted approval of \$62,500 for survey and planning for Fiscal Year 1975.

The next meeting of the Council has been scheduled for May 28, 1975.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. Pinney
Director



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MINUTES OF VERMONT STATE ADVISORY
COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Date: Thursday, October 30, 1975

Place: Gallery, Waitsfield, VT

Present: Robert Burley, Chairing
William Haviland
Joseph Popecki
William Pinney

Absent: John Duffy
H. N. Muller, III

Staff: Jane McLuckie
Peter King

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robert Burley, at 3:30 p.m. The minutes of the March meeting were approved without reading. Joseph Popecki moved, William Pinney seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

The following were reviewed and unanimously approved:
National Register Nominations
MIDDLEBURY DISTRICTS
BRANDON DISTRICTS, approved without objection

Mr. Popecki moved to accept, Mr. Burley seconded. Unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Suggestion by Joseph Popecki to use visual aids in presentation of nominations. William Pinney explained that the Division didn't, as yet, have facilities for other than black and white photographic presentations.

William Pinney brought request by gentlemen from Massachusetts to examine the Bordeauville Church for possible Register nomination. The Board felt that the gentlemen from Massachusetts should supply supporting documentation. Joseph Popecki moved to that effect. William Haviland seconded, vote in the affirmative.

STELLAFANE NOMINATION: Qualifies as technological site. Council: General feeling that Stellafane should be on the National Register. Joseph Popecki moved to support nomination of Stellafane. No urgency to do so is perceived. Robert Burley seconded, vote in the affirmative.

HASKELL OPERA HOUSE, Derby Line Nomination. Bi-National location is important consideration. William Haviland moved to nominate Opera House. Joseph Popecki seconded. Unanimous vote in the affirmative.

- MR. BURLEY: Fletcher Free Library stands where?
MR. PINNEY: Yield to Joseph Popecki for more information.
MR. POPECKI: Seems to be somewhat political. Hard to see as a certain historic site.
MR. PINNEY: Question is if Fletcher Library is eligible for nomination?
MR. BURLEY: Doesn't Vermont look to us (Council) to register our attitude towards buildings they (Vermont) have under view?
MR. LIEBS: Building is on City of Burlington Historic Sites Register.
MR. POPECKI: Yes it is, but with weak support. Again, somewhat political nomination request.
MR. PINNEY: Feel we (Division) should stay out of local political problems.
MR. BURLEY: Feel we (Division and Board) should get in and lend support where needed.
MR. POPECKI: Feasibility question on the Library use.
MR. BURLEY: We shouldn't worry about feasibility in regards to National Register nominations.
MR. PINNEY: We (Division) have given the support of our office as consultants. We should not tie the hands of the City and create needless ill-will and dissension in Vermont.
MR. POPECKI: If building is on the Register, they will be back for money, from what was said by the Library group.
MR. BURLEY: The Library group should be told they may submit a request for nomination.
MR. PINNEY: We ought to deal with the City as the owner.

Consideration of Board that Division will deal with the City and will send copies to concerned citizens in Burlington.

End of Register nominations.

QUESTION OF STATE ARCHEOLOGIST POSITION

- MR. PINNEY: Position exists, but no funding has been appropriated.
MR. HAVILAND: Interstate 91 is opening new archeological sites, but the State, due to the lack of staff, is not in the position of using the shut-down clause. The Council should go on record as being of the

opinion that the position of State Archeologist is critically important, and that archeological sites should go on the National Register as soon as possible.

MR. POPECKI: Should the Vermont Archeological Society submit a list of sites to be submitted to the Register to the Division?

MR. HAVILAND: A list should be sent to the National Register of sites likely to be submitted for nomination, and then to the Division.

Mr. Haviland moved that Council should draft a letter to Mr. Donald Webster, Secretary of the Agency, to request the position of State Archeologist. Joseph Popecki seconded. Vote is unanimously in the affirmative.

ST. JOHNSBURY HOUSE PROJECT

MR. PINNEY: There have been buyers on and off all summer. The building is in very real danger of demolition. The Division has been in constant contact with this project. We have managed to work with the National Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation to change their 40-year covenants to 10-year covenants with an additional 30-year period subject to the best efforts and financial stability of the new owners. There are, however, still problems stemming from the covenants as seen by the perspective buyers. We feel, however, that the Division has done everything possible while maintaining a responsible preservation program.

Council supports the Division's position on the St. Johnsbury House.

EDA \$1.2 MILLION PRELIMINARY GRANT

The money, if granted, will be to accelerate the ongoing Historic Preservation program in those 18 or so towns affected by the Bicentennial Railroad loop.

MR. BURLEY: Money should be taken from the grant in order that the Division may administer the grant without any lowering of the present high standards.

MR. BURLEY: Suggest I resign as Chairman, but remain a regular member.

Mr. Burley pointed out that while there has been no conflict-of-interest in the past, apparent conflicts are likely to arise in the future. On the one hand, council requirements call for at least one member with architectural training and experience; on the other hand, it is difficult to imagine a Vermont architect with current experience in historic preservation who would not have some professional relationship to a National

Register project or applicant.

While a Council member can abstain from Council actions on any project that might represent a conflict, the Chairmanship draws more attention and is more likely to generate controversy, whether it is well-founded or not.

The Council tabled this subject until the next meeting, when it was hoped all members would be present.

(Mr. Burley pointed out that his Office has recently been approached to do work on the New Avenue Hotel in St. Johnsbury and that he is now under contract to do a feasibility study for College Hall at Vermont College. Mr. Burley's Office had no relationship with either of these projects at the time they were acted upon by the Council).

MR. POPECKI: With two members absent, I do not like to deal with this problem.

MR. HAVILAND: Motion to have another meeting to deal with this suggestion.

MR. POPECKI: Seconded.

Accepted.

A PRESENTATION BY CHESTER LIEBS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT,
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

"The Program is alive and well."

MR. BURLEY: There are additional items to discuss, but I suggest that we wait until more members are present.

1. State maps of projects
2. National Register sites
3. State sites
4. Proposed nominations
5. Possible nominations

MR. POPECKI: It is hard to establish objectives without overall view of the program.

MR. BURLEY: Should we concentrate on certain elements of Vermont's patrimony?

MR. POPECKI: Motion to adjourn for supper.

So moved.



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COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE: December 11, 1975

PLACE: 4th Floor Conference Room
Pavilion Building
Montpelier, Vermont

PRESENT: Joseph Popecki
Robert Burley
William Haviland
William Pinney

ABSENT: Nicholas Muller
John Duffy

STAFF PRESENT: Peter King
Jane McLuckie
Judi Poulin

OTHERS: Ed Bacon, President, Vermont Archeological Society
Louise Basa, Vermont Archeological Society
Miriam Trementozzi, UVM Historic Preservation

The meeting was convened by the Chairman, Robert Burley at 2:30 p.m.

Haviland moved (Popecki seconded) that the minutes of the last meeting, October 30, be approved. Motion was approved unanimously.

Peter King reported on the results of the Emergency Board meeting of December 10. The E Board refused to re-allocate \$17,452 already obligated to various state grantees which had inadvertently reverted to the General Fund. It was suggested by the Council that perhaps some pressure be brought from the representatives of the towns involved to the Fiscal Committee. A possible supplemental appropriation may be requested to pay the state grantees.

It was decided to ask the Governor to appoint another voting member to the Council as his designee as stated in the State Preservation Act.

Nominations for Chairman: Haviland nominated Popecki (Pinney seconded). Nomination approved unanimously. Popecki will take office at the next Council meeting.

Jane McLuckie presented the nominations for submission to the National Register:

Chase House, E. Topsham

Goshen Church, Bradford

Nichols House, E. Barre

Vergennes Historic District - (Include the two districts as one)

Chester Depot Historic District

Courthouse Square

Historic District, Rutland - (Council thought this especially urgent to get on.)

Depot Square

Historic District, So. Royalton

Bridgewater Mill, Bridgewater

Main Street School Building, Poultney

East Creek, Orwell - (Archeological Site)

Haviland made motion (Popecki seconded) to approve all architectural nominations to the National Register. Unanimous approval.

Popecki made motion (Haviland seconded) to approve East Creek archeological site as our first archeological nomination to the National Register. Unanimous approval.

Haviland stated that he understood from Mr. Pinney that he might be able to hire a State Archeologist by transferring a position. Haviland passed a position paper that he asked the Council to use as its stand on the archeologist situation. Mr. Pinney told the Council that such pressure was not needed at this time. Personnel procedures should take about two months. If and when the Division runs into trouble in getting the position, perhaps the Council could then release an official communication. There was further discussion on this issue and it was decided that the agenda for the next meeting would include reviewing the Act line by line to determine what should be released to different State agencies and if further compliance rules should be developed. Popecki asked that the job description for the State Archeologist be shown to the Council when it is drawn up.

Burley asked if any of the audience now had anything to say. Bacon thanked the Council for allowing him to attend and that he has a better understanding of the State Archeologist situation.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration Grant was discussed. Mr. Pinney said that meetings will be set up with various towns on the Transportation Loop to discuss the project federal regulations including employment regulations as stated in Title X guidelines. Burley suggested that the Transportation Loop Manager go along with the Division staff member to coordinate

both activities. Mr. Pinney said that he will discuss with the townspeople a broad view of historic preservation and suggest how they might approach this on an urban facelifting project. Necessary instructions will be left with the town to get the project underway. The town will be asked to appoint a person or committee to act as liason with the Division to complete the project. Burley suggested that perhaps this person or committee could be a permanent liason for all future grants with the Division.

Another meeting will be held with town liason to get plans into shape and then the package will be brought to the Advisory Council for review. Mr. Pinney said that one of the most important things to come out of this is to demonstrate that the state can administer such a large grant without the help of the federal government. He said this is the biggest preservation grant ever to go to any one state. Burley said that criteria should be set up to determine who and how much money will be granted to each town such as: population, historic preservation potential and how effectively money could be used, capability of community to implement project, economic need and rate of unemployment. The Council agreed that all towns should receive some money. It was also suggested that perhaps the narrative on the ARBA grant, which was read to the Council, could be used as a press release when final approval is received on this grant. Burley suggested that the Vermont Bicentennial Steam Expedition Bulletin could also be used as a means of communication to the towns on this project.

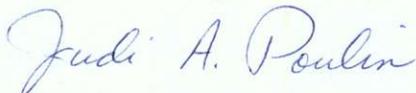
Peter King asked that a supplementary grant of \$1,900 be approved for the Kent Tavern out of 75 OAHP funds to pay for plans and specifications with measured drawings of the building. This is on a 50-50 matching basis. Popecki made motion (Haviland seconded) to approve this grant. Unanimous approval.

By-Laws: Mr. Pinney brought up the fact that per diem rates for Council members will be retroactive to when the members were appointed by the Governor. It was again asked that another member be appointed by the Governor as his designee so that the Council will be complete with seven members.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22 at 2:00 p.m. Place undecided. A yearly schedule will be set at the next meeting for all future meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judi A. Poulin

Position Paper passed to Council
Members by William Haviland

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation notes that concern has recently been expressed about the current status of archaeological preservation in the State of Vermont. It is true that state agencies, departments, divisions, institutions, commissions and municipalities have yet to comply with the Historic Preservation Act of 1975, specifically Chapter 14, Sub Chapter 5, Section 743 (1) and (4); and Sub Chapter 7, Section 767 (1), (2) and (3). It is also true that, without a State Archaeologist, Vermont remains in noncompliance with Federal regulations. While current grants of almost half a million dollars in historic preservation funds and the 1.2 million for the bicentennial loop are probably not jeopardized by this, future funds of this sort are. Moreover, lack of proper attention to the state's archaeological resources make it virtually impossible for institutions of this state to secure funds mandated by Public Law 93-291 for archaeological preservation.

In view of these problems, the Advisory Council urgently requests the Governor and the Executive Department to act immediately to expedite the efforts of the Director of the Division for Historic Preservation to hire a State Archaeologist who is qualified in prehistoric and historic archaeology. It also requests that steps be taken immediately to familiarize all state agencies, departments, divisions, institutions, commissions and municipalities with their obligations under the Historic Preservation Act of 1975 and Public Law 93-291.



Mr. Pinney

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
FROM : William B. Pinney
DATE : December 2, 1975
SUBJECT: Advisory council Meeting to be held Thursday,
December 11, 1975 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference
Room on the fourth floor of the Pavilion Building,
Montpelier, Vermont

A G E N D A

1. Nomination and election of Chairman
2. Consideration of National Register Nominations
3. Discussion of grants, present and pending
4. Review of archeology needs
5. Consideration of Council By-laws

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