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NOTICE

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 1987, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Forest West Lounge, Forest Hall, Middlebury College, Route 125, Middlebury, Vermont.

Agenda:

- I. Minutes of December 17, 1986 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for February, March and April Meetings
- III. Old Business
 - A. Windsor - Cornish Covered Bridge
 - B. Amendment to Advisory Council Bylaws concerning Conflict of Interest
- IV. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Arkmont Farm, Bridport (continued review)
 - B. Brightlook Hospital Complex, St. Johnsbury
 - C. The Long Trail, statewide
- V. New Business
 - A. Preservation Topic Seminars for Advisory Council



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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PAVILION OFFICE BUILDING
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January 20, 1987

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin Tierney
Townsend Anderson
Glenn Andres
Larry Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Carnahan
Chester Liebs
Marjory Power

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at ten o'clock.

I. The Council reviewed the minutes of December 17, 1986. Mr. Anderson made the motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Andres and passed unanimously.

II. The February meeting was changed to the 24th in Montpelier. The March meeting was confirmed for the 17th and the April meeting was set for April 21.

III. Old Business

A. Windsor-Cornish Covered Bridge

Mr. Gilbertson summarized the issues involved in the Windsor-Cornish Covered Bridge proposals.

B. Amendment to Advisory Council Bylaws Concerning Conflict of Interest

The Council had received the full text of the amendment and the referenced federal conflict of interest guidelines before the meeting. Members discussed the need for individual members to declare their conflict. Mr. Wood made the motion to adopt the amendment as proposed which was seconded by Mr. Andres and passed unanimously.

C. State Register of Historic Places

The Council reviewed the status of the State Register designation schedule. Mr. Andres volunteered to review Addison County sites. Other members confirmed their commitments to do other counties.

IV. National Register Preliminary Review

A. Arkmont Farm, Bridport

Mr. Andres had visited the site and provided the Council with photographs, a map and detailed report on the property. The main block was originally a half Cape that was later made into a full Cape. The later framing is hand hewn and exposed inside. Several original windows remain and the window openings are small. The floor plan has remained basically the same, although the chimney mass has been replaced with a bathroom.

The farm reached its peak of prosperity in the mid-19th century when it was a sheep farm. The farm complex is very prominently sited on a knoll and is a local landmark seen from many approaches. The complex includes a horse barn, a Yankee barn, corn crib, a sugar house, sheds, four-hole outhouse and probable c.1900 barn with metal ventilators and a modern garage. Mr. Andres noted that it still conveys the sense of a 19th century farm.

Mr. Andres noted that many of the prosperous Addison County farms have farm improvements from the 1970s and 1980s that have compromised their architectural integrity as examples of historic farms. (Those farm improvements may become historically significant in future years.) This farm retains its historic organization and context, open fields. In an attic section of the carriage ell that was used to store wool, Mr. Andres noted that yearly wool production figures are written in pencil on the plaster.

The Council determined that the complex has historic merit as an intact example of a 19th century Addison County farm and that it appears to meet criteria for listing in the National Register. Because of questions about the theme of agriculture and the relative importance of this property in a historic context, the Division will recommend that the owner wait until the Division completes the agricultural historic contexts in late 1987 before beginning a nomination. Mr. Gilbertson noted that the nomination will be difficult to write. The significance of the property relies as much on history as on architecture. He said that the best advice is to wait until the planning process is further advanced. The Council agreed. Discussion ensued about the desirability of a thematic nomination of agricultural complexes.

C. The Long Trail

The Council reviewed a map, historical information on the Trail and some pictures of shelters along the Trail. Of the 62 shelters on the Trail,

18, or 29 percent, were constructed before World War II. Ms. Boone summarized how a trail would possibly be dealt with under the National Register program. Some trails have been put on the Register as sites. Council members raised several questions.

Would side trails be part of a nomination? Should the Appalachian Trail portion not part of the Long Trail be included in a nomination? Because of its lead role in the national environmental movement, as the impetus for and oldest section of the Appalachian Trail, the Council felt that the Trail probably possesses national significance and that it should be nominated to the National Register.

B. Brightlook Hospital Complex, St. Johnsbury

The Council reviewed photographs, slides and historic background information on the property. The nurses' dormitory was donated by the Fairbanks family and remains intact. The hospital was converted to apartments in the 1970s and was severely altered on the interior. The exterior of the hospital is mostly intact except for an elevator shaft rising from the roof and new windows in the tympanum of the front pediment. The Council noted the intrusive character of the elevator shaft. Historic sources note the importance of the complex as a symbol of progressive social ideas in the early 20th century. The site of the complex was noted in contemporary accounts as accessible, but still in the country. The complex stands alone in its current neighborhood, elevated on a knoll. The Council felt that it could be nominated as a complex based on historic and architectural merit.

V. New Business

B. Tour of "The Heights," Middlebury

The Council toured "The Heights," an early 19th century residence extensively remodeled by Clinton Smith in the late 19th century. The house has intact historic interior spaces and intact estate outbuildings. "The Heights" was reviewed for eligibility for the National Register at the Council's December, 1986, meeting. The owner of the property led the Council through the property.

A. Preservation Topic Seminars

The Council discussed having a portion of each meeting set aside for presentations by Division staff on preservation topics and issues. Staff members suggested that possible topics could include: the new National Register form and new procedures; the Certified Local Government program; the Vermont Historic Preservation Plan; underwater archeological sites; etc. The Council decided to schedule a presentation on the National Register for the February meeting.

The Council adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



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The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 1987, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the Agency of Development and Community Affairs, the Pavilion Building, Montpelier, Vermont.

Agenda:

- I. Minutes of January 20, 1987 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for March, April and May Meetings
- III. Old Business
 - A. Report on 1986 State Preservation Grant Projects
 - B. State Register Designation of Windham County
- IV. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Valentine House, Tinmouth
 - B. Parley Davis House, East Montpelier (continued review)
- V. New Business
 - A. New National Register Guidelines
 - B. Cady's Falls, Morrisville, eligibility for State Register
 - C. VT-CH-14, Shelburne, eligibility for State Register



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February 24, 1987

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin Tierney (joined at 10:30)
Townsend Anderson
Glenn Andres
John Carnahan
Marjory Power
Larry Wood (left at 10:30)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chester Liebs

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone
Gina Campoli
Ray Zirblis (joined at 10:15)
Jane Lendway (joined at 10:30)
Giovanna Peebles (joined at 11:20)
Cindy Cook (joined at 11:20)

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 by Marjory Power who chaired the meeting in Mr. Tierney's absence.

- I. The Council reviewed the minutes of the January meeting. Mr. Andres made the motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed unanimously.
- II. The March meeting was confirmed for the 17th. The April meeting was confirmed for April 21. The March meeting will be held in Bennington. The May meeting was set for May 20.

V. New Business

D. National Conference Update

Mr. Gilbertson discussed the recent meeting of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers on the new national historic preservation legislation effort. The proposed legislation unifies preservation activities under one place and provides for a dedicated trust fund to provide money for preservation programs. The National Conference is also pushing for the allowance of development activities with future preservation funding.

He also summarized his involvement in a group working on planning criteria for local plans, including the concepts of capacity planning. Historic preservation concerns are important concerns to include in local plans and this group hopes to set standards for local planning efforts and documents. Council members discussed the problem that occurs when a development project goes through local approval processes without any consideration of historic and archeological sites and then in the Act 250 process, which occurs after, preservation concerns are flagged for the first time.

III. Old Business

A. Report on 1986 State Preservation Grants Projects

Mr. Zirblis presented a report on the 1987 grant projects, including slides of every project structure. He reported that bad weather and lack of willing contractors proved to be problems. However, the enthusiasm and cooperation shown by the grant recipients outweighed problems, and Mr. Zirblis reported that the program was, indeed, successful in contributing to the preservation and continued use of the historic structures involved. The Council thanked Mr. Zirblis for a very good report.

Mr. Zirblis then went on to discuss some policy issues that had arisen in the grants program. He suggested the provision of a ten percent contingency fund to cover repair of discovered conditions and possible archeological work needed in grant projects. Several members questioned if ten percent would be enough, and Division staff replied that they thought it would be an appropriate amount. Mr. Zirblis also noted the need for a more coordinated approach to consideration of archeological resources associated with grant pro-

jects. Other items he brought up for further discussion and consideration were: strengthening commitment to full funding rather than partial funding of projects; possible priority for buildings on the National Register; the types of work eligible for funding; and fire safety during rehabilitation.

Mr. Tierney suggested that a discussion take place on the purposes of the grants as a way to clarify some specific grant issues. Mr. Anderson suggested the development of a checklist that could be sent with grant applications to spur a broader consideration of a building's problems before work items are selected for inclusion in a grant application.

V. New Business

C. Review of Vt-CH-14 in Shelburne for State Register

Ms. Cook presented a summary of the background of the review request. A large residential development is planned for the site, at the mouth of the LaPlatte River. Ms. Cook noted that since the late 18th century, the site has been known as a Native American, probably village, site. No subsurface testing of the area has been done, but subsurface features are expected. The information potential of such a site is great, on a par with the Winooski Site. The Council determined that the site meets criteria 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 of the State Register Criteria and entered it on the State Register. A motion was made by Mr. Carnahan and seconded by Ms. Power and passed unanimously. Ms. Peebles summarized how the identification of archeological sites in development projects does not preclude development.

III. Old Business

B. State Register Designation of Windham County

Ms. Boone summarized the review process in general and Mr. Carnahan described his work on reviewing every Survey form in the Windham County Historic Sites and Structures Survey. He found no properties that appeared questionable under the State Register Criteria. Mr. Carnahan moved that the entire Windham County Survey be listed on the State Register of Historic Places. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed unanimously.

V. New Business

B. Cady's Falls, Morrisville

Ms. Campoli showed survey forms and photographs of a number of buildings in Cady's Falls, including the Avery House which was not included in the survey. She explained that there is an Act 250 project, a gravel pit, that will occur in Cady's Falls and the Council has been asked to review the properties for eligibility for the State Register. Ms. Power motioned that the Avery House and Survey site numbers 0807-119 through 0807-131 be entered on the State Register. Mr. Carnahan seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

IV. National Register Preliminary Review

A. Valentine House, Tinmouth

Mr. Anderson declared that he had spoken with the owner about providing planning services to the owner, but Mr. Anderson's sense of the conversation was that he would not be ultimately hired for the work.

Ms. Campoli showed photographs of the building and reported on its Dutch framing system. The Council determined that the property appears to meet the National Register criteria as a good example of a relatively rare early building type, the gambrel cape, important in the region, despite loss of many of its interior elements.

B. Parley Davis House, East Montpelier

The Council reviewed the Survey form and photographs supplied by the owner. Ms. Boone summarized the history of the building and its original owner from the information supplied by the current owner and read the portion of the owner's request letter that addressed significance. The Council expressed concern that the building's aluminum siding unduely impacts the integrity of the building's design, materials and feeling. The Council questioned if the siding is obscuring information that the Council needs to make their determination of eligibility. If the frieze has been destroyed, does the house possess enough architectural integrity to be eligible? Some members questioned if the building should be individually eligible for the National Register if it is sheathed in aluminum. The siding was seen as a serious intervention to

the architectural appearance of the house, an insensitive treatment executed in incompatible materials. In conclusion, the Council determined that the house does appear eligible for the National Register based on its architectural significance, but they felt strongly that the owner should be informed of the Council's concerns over the negative impact of the siding on that significance. The Council noted that removal of the siding would enhance the building's significance. Regarding historic significance, the Council felt that although historic association had been established, not enough information had been provided to establish historic significance under the National Register criteria.

Mr. Andres made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.



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NOTICE

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 1987, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Park-McCullough House, West Street, North Bennington, Vermont.

Agenda:

- I. Minutes of February 24, 1987 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for April, May and June Meetings
- III. Election of Officers
- IV. Introduction to the Bennington Area Preservation Organization
- V. Old Business
 - A. New National Register Guidelines
- VI. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Hatch House, Hartland Four Corners



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MINUTES

March 17, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT: Townsend Anderson
Glenn Andres
John Carnahan
Chester Liebs
Marjory Power
Larry Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Tierney

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone
Gina Campoli

OTHERS PRESENT: Hugh Henry
Tordis Isselhardt
Muriel Palmer

The meeting, which was held at the Park-McCullough House in North Bennington, Vermont, was called to order by Eric Gilbertson at 10:15 a.m. Because the Chairman was absent, Mr. Gilbertson suggested that the meeting move directly to item III on the agenda, Election of Officers.

III. Mr. Carnahan nominated Martin Tierney for Chairman seconded by Mr. Anderson. Ms. Power nominated John Carnahan for Vice Chairman, which was seconded by Mr. Liebs. Mr. Gilbertson asked for further nominations; and hearing none, called for a motion to close nominations. Mr. Andres moved to close nominations which was seconded by Mr. Liebs. The slate of nominated candidates was unanimously approved.

Having been duly elected as Vice Chairman, Mr. Carnahan assumed the chairmanship of the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

- I. The Council reviewed the minutes of the February 24 meeting, and they were accepted as presented.
- II. The April meeting was confirmed for the 21st; the May meeting was confirmed for the 20th; and the June meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 17.
- V. Old Business

- B. Vermonters for Vision and Choice

Mr. Gilbertson summarized his involvement with the planning caucus, Vermonters for Vision and Choice. Council members had received a copy of a written summary concerning upcoming public meetings on the planning standards being proposed for the state through this caucus. He expressed concern that the summary did not specifically mention preservation, but noted that the caucus' members he had spoken with do see a clear role for preservation in the process. Mr. Gilbertson stated that unlike many natural resources, most cultural resources require the active intervention of humans for their preservation. He also expressed hope that members of the Council could be represented at the public meetings.

- C. National Program Update

Mr. Gilbertson reported on the national effort to gain \$60 million in preservation funding. He noted that the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, the National Trust and Preservation Action are united in their support of this funding request.

- D. Section 504 Report

Mr. Gilbertson reported on the Department of the Interior's Section 504 report, particularly highlighting the graph illustrating the precipitous drop in National Register listings between 1981 and 1986.

- IV. Introduction to the Bennington Area Preservation Organizations

- A. Park-McCullough House

Muriel Palmer presented background history of the museum as well as the history of the house itself. A tour of the house was also given.

B. Bennington Regional Preservation Trust

Tordis Isselhardt gave a brief introduction and introduced Tom Keefe, President of the organization. Mr. Keefe said his organization is looking forward to cooperation with the Division and the Council. Current programs underway are: protection of covered bridges; homeowners assistance program; quarterly programs; possible CLG program; survey project; other inventories going on besides buildings--identification of research materials, maps, newspapers, etc., to be made available to the public.

Mr. Gilbertson mentioned the importance of local organizations joining the Division in its efforts. There has to be a local element in preservation. Mr. Keefe related the importance of the 2010 planning effort (a regional planning attempt to look at the future) in laying some of the groundwork for the organization. Mrs. Isselhardt presented the background on the rezoning of Route 67A to the Council and the rerouting of Route 9. Discussion ensued questioning how highway projects get this far along without the proper consideration. Consensus was that highway projects bring secondary effects that go well beyond initial impacts.

Mr. Liebs related his present project with the historic preservation students to create simulations of areas to be affected by development and thus illustrate the profound affect of projects. People need to be reminded of the 3-D reality of development.

VI. National Register Preliminary Review

A. Hatch House, Hartland Three Corners

Ms. Campoli showed photographs of the property and described its 1960s' Colonial Revival addition on the rear. The interior retains fine period detail. The Council felt that the property meets the criteria for listing on the National Register.

VII. Canal Street, Brattleboro

Ms. Campoli described the background of the request. A mini-mall is proposed for 26-36 Canal Street. Mr. Carnahan described the area and its history and presented photographs that had been supplied by a local resident. The Council determined that the Canal Street area is eligible for the State Register.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



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NOTICE

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 1987, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Redstone, Terrace Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

AGENDA:

- I. Minutes of March 17, 1987 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for May, June and July
- III. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Hickory Ridge House, Putney
 - B. Lyndon Center Historic District, Lyndon
- IV. Old Business
 - A. State Grant Program Policy and Criteria
 - B. Review of Rutland County for State Register Designation
 - C. Review of Canal Street Area, Brattleboro, for State Register Designation
 - D. On-Site Inspection of Brookfield Historic District



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April 21, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Andres
Larry Wood
Townsend Anderson
Martin Tierney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marjory Power
Chester Liebs
John Carnahan

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone
Gina Campoli
Ray Zirblis
Jane Lendway

OTHERS PRESENT: William Dean Fausett

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:50 a.m. at Redstone in Montpelier.

- I. The Council reviewed the minutes of the March 17 meeting. Mr. Andres made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously approved.
- II. The May meeting was confirmed for May 20 in the Bethel/Randolph area; the June meeting was set for June 18 in Dorset and the July meeting will take place on July 15 in Montpelier.
- III. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Hickory Ridge House, Putney

There was general agreement that the Federal style house is eligible for the National Register based on architectural merit.

B. Lyndon Center Historic District, Lyndon

Ms. Campoli presented slides of the historic district, and Mr. Zirblis explained the history of the village. Mr. Gilbertson reviewed the Act 250 case related to Sanborn Hall and his decision not to appeal the building's demolition. A discussion ensued relating to whether or not the demolition of Sanborn Hall should be considered when considering the district's eligibility.

There was general agreement that some times the demolition of a building can cause people to recognize historic resources. All agreed that the district is eligible for the National Register based on architectural merit and its association with educational themes in Vermont's history.

C. Shard Villa, Salisbury

Mr. Anderson noted a conflict regarding the property; he has been retained by the Villa Estate. Mr. Andres summarized the history of the building and the present financial status of the home. All agreed it was eligible for the National Register based on its architectural and historical merit.

IV. Old Business

A. Grant Policy Update

Mr. Zirblis presented several issues to be resolved before the Council. Ms. Lendway joined the meeting.

1. Full funding of projects. Mr. Zirblis emphasized that projects suffer when not fully funded--critical work might not get done. Fewer projects will be funded if full funding occurs. Mr. Anderson suggested advising those who are turned down, but who have worthy projects, to apply again. Mr. Andres noted that some times any money at all provides the impetus for further preservation. A little help is better than none at all. Ms. Lendway suggested that those who re-apply be encouraged in the manual. She also said partial funding may cause delays. There was general agreement that partial funding should be avoided.
2. Consideration of alternate projects when money is turned down by recipients. Mr. Anderson asked if alternates could receive money any time and do the work the following year. Mr. Gilbertson

explained the administrative problem with a contingency fund. Mr. Anderson's suggestion was deemed a problem since the grants are for different dollar amounts.

3. Should people re-apply if they have received grants before. Mr. Gilbertson suggested that it is difficult to discourage anyone to apply. It was agreed that no one should be discouraged.
4. Should National Register listed buildings receive special consideration. Ms. Boone expressed concern that the growing number of recipients who are not listed was sending a message to those not on the Register that a nomination is not critical for economic preservation benefits. She would like to see priority given to National Register listed (or in the process of being listed) properties. Mr. Gilbertson said he had reservations about this because the Legislature, in legislative hearings regarding the program, did not want to see federal strings attached to the program. Ms. Lendway reminded the Council of the Preservation Trust's program to provide grants for nominations to recipients of the state program not on the National Register. Mr. Gilbertson suggested encouraging towns to document their properties, if not listed, by nominating them.
5. Type of work to be funded. Should this be kept general as is presently in the manual. There was general agreement regarding this.

V. New Business

Mr. Gilbertson reported on his National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers meeting and presented the brochure given to Vermont's Congressional delegation describing the current status of the program. He was encouraged by the delegation's response to the brochure and their enthusiasm for a preservation grant increase to the states.

IV. Old Business

B. Review of Rutland County Sites for State Register Designation

Mr. Anderson expressed his concern with surveying camps. Others said that camps are important links to a theme significant in the state's history and should be recognized. Mr. Anderson also questioned the registration of workers housing.

Mr. Anderson made the motion to register all of Rutland County with the exception of Pittsford. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. Pittsford, specifically Pittsford Mills, will be reviewed at the next meeting.

C. Review of Canal Street Historic District,
Brattleboro, for State Register Status

Ms. Boone explained the background of the district and presented slides. Mr. Andres moved to nominate the district to the State Register which was seconded by Mr. Wood and unanimously approved.

Mr. Andres made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Wood, that determined the district eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Council felt the district included a noteworthy number of vernacular 19th century styles. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



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NOTICE

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 1987, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Green Trails Inn, located at the Floating Bridge, Brookfield, Vermont.

AGENDA:

- I. Minutes of April 21, 1987 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for June, July and August Meetings
- III. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. The Mountain View Stock Farm, Benson
 - B. The Arlington Inn, Arlington
- IV. Old Business
 - A. New National Register Guidelines
 - B. Proposed Highway Paving Project in Brookfield Village (on-site inspection scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Floating Bridge)



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Townsend Anderson
John Carnahan
Chester Liebs
Martin Tierney
Larry Brickner-Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marjory Power

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone
Gina Campoli

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:00 a.m. at the Green Trails Inn in Brookfield.

- I. Mr. Anderson suggested that the minutes be amended regarding his statement concerning the survey of workers housing in Rutland County. He did not mean that the workers housing should not be surveyed. He was concerned with the number of structures and their repetitive nature. He asked that the minutes be modified to reflect this. Mr. Carnahan moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Andres seconded. All approved.
- II. The June meeting was confirmed for June 18, 1987 in Dorset. The July meeting was confirmed for July 15, 1987 in Montpelier and the August meeting was set for August 12, 1987.
- III. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Mountain View Stock Farm, BensonMr. Anderson noted that he would not participate in the decision on this property because of an ongoing

business relationship with the owner. He summarized the physical features of the property and noted that the building had undergone a Colonial Revival remodeling that was now historic in its own right. The Council reviewed xeroxes of photographs and information on the history of the building. Council members noted that the Route 22 corridor contains a series of rural properties that are eligible for the National Register. The corridor is apparently scheduled for major road improvements in the near future and Mr. Gilbertson will contact the Highway Department to express a serious concern about the impact of changes; and he will suggest that a study be undertaken on the corridor.

The Council determined that the complex, including agricultural outbuildings, appears eligible for the National Register.

B. Arlington Inn, Arlington

The Council reviewed photographs and historic background information on the building. Ms. Boone summarized the history of pursuit of an National Register district in Arlington. The Council determined that the Inn appears eligible for the National Register.

C. Yenerell House, Bethel

Ms. Campoli presented information on the history of the property and showed photographs. Mr. Anderson noted that he had seen the gable detail (where the second floor plate overhangs the first floor on the gable end) on other houses in the Bethel area. Council members questioned whether the Colonial Revival alterations were related to a period of summer residence use. The Council determined that the building does not appear eligible on architectural merit. However they noted that the potential for significance in an historic agricultural context may exist, but is not apparent from currently available information. Mr. Liebs moved to nominate the property to the State Register Mr. Carnahan seconded and all agreed.

IV. Old Business

A. National Register Update

Ms. Boone handed out the new National Register forms and National Register Bulletin. She reported that the National Park Service isn't sure how the new program will work. They are leaving it up to the states to take the information and apply it. They won't guarantee what is the right approach. She also

went over the new forms explaining some of the new items. Discussion ensued regarding the practicality of the new approach to significance which emphasizes historic themes and contexts. It was suggested that geographical relationships are important and shouldn't be ignored when looking solely at historic themes. There was concern expressed that focusing on specific themes is not a comprehensive view of a buildings significance.

B. Pittsford

Ms. Boone and Ms. Campoli presented slides of the buildings that Mr. Anderson had questioned the consistency of their contributing status at the previous meeting. Mr. Andres moved to nominate the town of Pittsford to the State Register - provided that buildings number 28 & 13 in the Pittsford Mills Historic District be made contributing to the district. Mr. Anderson seconded this and all were in agreement.

V. New Business

Mr. Gilbertson reported on the status of the Windsor Cornish Bridge and its repair. There has not been a resolution as of yet. Milton Granton's proposal to insert arches is before the New Hampshire legislature.

Old Business

C. Proposed Highway Repaving Project in Brookfield Village.

The meeting moved to the floating bridge and the stretch of road that is proposed to be paved. Miles Lawson, district 6 engineer, described the project. The hill beyond the bridge and area south of district ^{are} is involved. The road bed has been prepared for paving and the telephone poles have been moved back. The surface will be a textured pavement. Regarding the width of the project, he said it will be 22 ft. paved; the existing road is 24 ft., wide.

Residents complained about the dust that the existing road produces. Others felt that Brookfield is a modern day community with 20th century problems and paving will not significantly detract from the historic character. Mr. Anderson asked the residents what negative affects they felt the project will have. There was concern about the speed of traffic, especially heading from the proposed pavement up the hill through the district. Some felt that simply because its the only dirt road left in an historic district it should be preserved. The Council dispersed and walked portions of the road in question. The

Council regrouped at the Inn to continue the discussion. Mr. Carnahan left the meeting and asked that the final decision be postponed. Mr. Tierney said he felt the issues should be resolved and Mr. Wood agreed. Both felt it was frustrating for those who will be affected by the decision to wait. The issue of dust affecting the fabric (paint) of the historic buildings was brought up. It was agreed that the dust produces an adverse impact to the paint surface. It was agreed, after further discussion, that a decision should be made at the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



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NOTICE

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 18, 1987, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the United Church of Dorset, located in the village of Dorset, Dorset, Vermont.

AGENDA:

- I. Minutes of May 20, 1987 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for July, August and September Meetings
- III. Director's Report
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Kent Neighborhood Historic District Issues and Site Visit (10:30 - 12:30)
- LUNCH (12:45)
- B. Proposed Highway Paving Project in Brookfield
 - C. Nomination of Chittenden County Archeological Sites to the State Register of Historic Places
- V. New Business
 - A. Review of CLG Grant Applications



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June 18, 1987

United Church of Dorset Meeting Room, Dorset, Vermont

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin Tierney
John Carnahan (until 12:30)
Marjory Power
Larry Brickner-Wood
Glenn Andres
Townsend Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chester Liebs

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone
Gina Campoli
Jane Lendway
John Dumville

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Fausett (until 12:45)
Peter Palmer (only during tour of
Fausett House)
Thomas Salmon (until 12:45)
Raymond Kopituk (until 12:45)
Katherine Dickenson (until 12:45)
Other members of the public (until
12:45)

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman at 10:20. (The Chairman arrived shortly thereafter and assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.)

- I. The Council reviewed the minutes of the May 20, 1987 meeting and approved them as presented.
- II. The July meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, July 15, 1987 in Montpelier. The August meeting was confirmed for the 12th. September's meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 1987.
- III. Director's Report

Mr. Gilbertson reported on the status of federal funding for preservation. It looks like level funding is likely.

Mr. Gilbertson reported on the fire at the Swanton Covered Railroad Bridge.

IV. Old Business

A. Kent Neighborhood Historic District Issues and Site Visit

Mr. Tierney outlined the format for consideration of the issues, as outlined in Mr. Carnahan's letter of June 9, 1987. He noted that he hoped a decision could be reached today. Then Dean Fausett presented his concerns, as written in a handout that he distributed to Council members.

He noted that he felt that the district should be listed in the National Register as having national significance, instead of the existing state level of significance.

His second point was that the name of the District should be changed. The name should be Dorset Conventions Historic District, or the Four Dorset Conventions Historic District.

The third issue involved the provenience of Mr. Fausett's house as the Cephas Kent dwelling, site of the Dorset Conventions. The Conventions occurred in 1775 and 76.

Cephas Kent senior died in 1813. The probate court ordered the property divided among the heirs in 1813. The house was moved in 1814. The house was sold per order of the court to pay debts of the estate in 1816. Mr. Fausett provided an abstract of title from this sale to his ownership.

Mr. Fausett then read a piece called "The Look Outward" by Winn Taplin, copies of which he had given the Council members.

Mr. Fausett presented xeroxes of two old photographs - 1 taken in the mid-19th century and 1 taken 1 week before Mr. Fausett purchased the house.

Mr. Fausett presented a large aerial photo overlaid with an enlargement of the 1814 Survey. It showed the Cephas Kent house in its original location. Mr. Fausett said that a drawing of the house in its new location exists in New Jersey, but that he had not had the chance to get it.

Mr. Fausett also distributed copies of a report prepared by Peter Palmer on the physical history of the house.

Mr. Tierney asked for comments from the audience. Raymond Kopituk spoke. He owns the building known as the Old Inn, the main block of which appears to date to the later 18th century.

Former Governor Tom Salmon spoke. He noted that the Dorset Conventions' role in the pre-revolutionary political history of the nation merits national significance. He added that Dorset, because of it's being the site of the Conventions, should be a prime contender for the title of "birthplace of Vermont." Mr. Salmon noted that the Palmer report was very convincing.

The Council decided to review the Palmer report and then adjourn to Mr. Fausett's house.

Before adjourning, Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Fausett to relate to the Council the findings of Scott Morrison when he inspected the house recently. Mr. Fausett said that Mr. Morrison found scattered 18th century material and that he offered a vague, hand-written 1 1/2 page final report. Mr. Anderson asked if Mr. Morrison corroborated an 18th century age to the house. Mr. Fausett said that he was very vague. Mr. Anderson asked if it would be helpful for the Council to have the report as part of the documentation. Mr. Fausett answered "no", that the information was presented better and more conclusively in the information that had been presented.

The Council adjourned to the Fausett house. Mr. Fausett had prepared an extensive display of pertinent photographs, written materials, materials samples and doors. The Council viewed the display and toured the house.

Mr. Anderson asked Peter Palmer what he found as evidence of the age of house at the cornice. He thought that the cornice was done at the time the roof was redone - c.1814. He said that he thought the house was originally smaller (30x16) and that it was extended (to its current 30x25').

The Council examined a portion of the basement. The basement has some hand hewn timbers with mortised floor joists; only one joist showed any saw marks—a 12" section of vertical ridges like vertical saw marks. The kitchen ceiling has split lath and horse hair plaster.

An upstairs bathroom has a door with a paint shadow of an HL hinge; the shadow shows up as paint, i.e. there was paint under the hinge and the next coat of paint around the hinge outlined the hinge. The plaster wall in the bath meets the door surround in nearly the same plane on the interior. Mr. Palmer said that the door was reused and reversed; it has an imprint/depression along the top outside rail.

Recessed for Lunch at 12:45.

Reconvened after Lunch at 2:30.

The Council assessed the time required for covering the remaining portion of the meeting agenda and decided to allot 1/2 hour to further discussion of the Kent Neighborhood Historic District issues, hoping that a decision could be reached in that time.

Mr. Andres said that he thought that the Dorset Conventions were nationally significant. He said that if the name is changed, most buildings in the district would be left adrift. They are in the district because of their Kent family connections and most postdate the Conventions. Mr. Andres pointed out that the Fausett House is a 19th century form that does not accommodate a central chimney. He believes that it was originally an L-shaped house heated by stoves, dating from the 1820s or 30s. Mr. Anderson pointed out that the house consists of three bents.

Mr. Anderson said that there may be a purpose here for placing the house in context of architecture of the Rt. 22 corridor, including the New York state side.

Ms. Campoli noted that in order to be nationally significant, a district must possess integrity of material culture that relates to that national significance. Members suggested that a marker recognizing the national significance of the event of the Dorset Conventions might be appropriate. The marker could go at the intersection by the Inn. Ms. Boone noted that in order for a site to be National Register eligible, it must retain integrity. It must have been a site at the time of the event and it must not have undergone development since then that destroyed its integrity. An event that occurred in a building cannot generate significance if the building does not retain integrity. Mr. Anderson made a motion to retain the Kent Neighborhood Historic District as a site of "state significance". Mr. Wood seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andres moved that the district name be retained as the Kent Neighborhood Historic District, Mr. Anderson seconded.

Mr. Gilbertson noted that the Cephas Kent Inn on the corner appears to date from the period of the Conventions.

The Council discussed whether the marble monument could be significant as marking the importance of the Conventions. Ms. Boone explained that the monument could be significant in relation to the Colonial Dames, not as a resource significantly associated with the Conventions and an 18th century period of significance.

Mr. Andres amended his motion to include a name change to the Kent Neighborhood - Dorset Conventions Historic District.

Ms. Power seconded. The question was raised if the name acknowledged the Conventions, did the Council have to reconsider the level of significance of the district to "National". The motion was defeated by a 3 to 2 vote.

Mr. Anderson motioned that although the Dean Fausett house may be the dwelling of Cephas Kent, Sr., it does not retain sufficient physical integrity to convey that historic association. The documentation in the nomination will therefore remain the same, but a statement will be added to the nomination to note the association of the house with Dean Fausett, the internationally known muralist.

Mr. Wood seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dumville noted that a state historic marker already exists on the head of the Dorset Village Green.

Mr. Anderson motioned that a site marker be erected at the corner of Nichols Hill Road and West Road acknowledging the site as the location of the Dorset Conventions. Mr. Andres seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson noted the importance of communicating to the public that the issue before the Council today was one of integrity of the physical resources, and not the truth or importance of the historic facts involved in the discussion.

B. Proposed Highway Paving Project in Brookfield

Mr. Andres moved to not recommend paving the section of highway in Brookfield under consideration. Mr. Anderson seconded this with the amendment that the paving of West Hill would not create a negative impact on the Historic District. It was recommended that the liquid chip seal be used. He went on to explain that the problem facing Brookfield is speeding traffic and paving will not resolve that problem. Mr. Andres explained that the unity in the appearance of the village will be upset if paving occurs in only a portion of the district as proposed. The village has a traditional "through" appearance that paving a portion of will upset. Mr. Wood does not feel that paving the road will affect the character of the district and that by not allowing the local people to have their way we are putting unrealistic expectations on the residences. Ms. Boone explained that paving the road is similar to the issue of telephone poles or electricity. Mr. Anderson suggested that the Council recommend either all of the district be paved or none of it to maintain the uniformity of the district. Mr. Gilbertson was reminded that an Act 250 permit back in the early 1970s prohibited paving and that permit should be looked at. Mr. Andres' motion with Mr. Anderson's amendment was approved 4 to 1.

C. Nomination of Chittenden County Archeological Sites to the State Register of Historic Places

Ms. Power explained that she has been reviewing sites for State Register eligibility. Chittenden County was chosen because of the great development pressure there. She noted those sites that are on the National Register or eligible for it. She reviewed the new data entry forms that replace the old typed form and presented slides that illustrated where the sites are located and what they represent. She went over the various time periods represented - Paleo Indian, Archaic (Early, Middle and Late) Woodland (Early, Middle, Late) and Contact Period and showed artifacts from those periods.

She sampled the types of sites that should be nominated to the State Register and showed some examples of sites that will not yield information and are thus not eligible. There was discussion about those sites where there is not enough information; they should not be determined ineligible but should be identified as not having enough information to determine eligibility. Ms. Power moved to accept Chittenden County Archeological Sites for the State Register as reviewed. Mr. Wood seconded and all were in agreement that the sites should be designated on the State Register.

V. New Business

A. Review of CLG Grant Applications

Ms. Lendway explained the CLG program and the 3 towns that have applied - Shelburne, Bennington, and the Mad River Planning District and reviewed why these towns are interested in the program. She went over the criteria for grant awards. She summarized the applications.

Bennington: Grant will provide a survey of the town. Area has not been comprehensively looked at. Mad River Planning District: Using UVM mapping system inventory, historic areas, landscape features etc. and in concert with the Division, place resources in a hierarchy and devise schemes for preservation. Shelburne: Downtown preservation plan that will consider design control and National Register eligibility in the village. Mr. Andres noted that all of the projects meet the criteria and are good projects. Mr. Gilbertson said that we don't know as of yet if we have the dollars to full fund all of the projects. Ms. Lendway explained that the State Act requires that the Council review and approve grants. Mr. Andres moved to approve projects and give the Division the authority to determine the level of funding for the projects.

Mr. Andres moved to adjourn. Mr. Anderson seconded. Passed unanimously.

5:07 adjournment.



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NOTICE

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting on July 15, 1987, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the Vermont Learning Center at 146 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

Agenda:

- I. Minutes of June 18, 1987 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for August, September and October Meetings
- III. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Marr and Gordon Co.--Dixie Machine Co., Barre
- IV. Selection of Grants for 1987 State Historic Preservation Grant Program



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July 15, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Andres
Townsend Anderson
John Carnahan
Marjory Power
Martin Tierney
Larry Brickner-Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chester Liebs

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone
Ray Zirblis

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:15.

- I. The Council reviewed the minutes of the June 18, 1987 meeting. Mr. Wood requested that the minutes note that he left the room and abstained from voting during discussion of the CLG Grant Applications. Ms. Power moved acceptance as amended. Mr. Wood seconded. Unanimously passed.
- II. The Council decided to cancel the August meeting. The September meeting was changed to Tuesday, September 22, 1987 in Montpelier. The October meeting was scheduled for Friday, October 16, 1987.
- III. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Marr and Gordon Company - Dixie Machine Company, Barre

The Council reviewed photographs and historic information on the building. Ms. Boone read a letter from the Archivist at the Aldrich Library in Barre on the history of the building. The Council felt that the building did not appear eligible on archi-

tectural merit. The discussion centered on the importance of the building as part of the historic resources associated with the granite industry, a very important theme in Vermont history.

The Council concluded that the property should not be nominated individually, but that it could be nominated as part of a Multiple Property nomination on the granite industry. The Council stressed the importance of the granite industry to the history of Vermont and the Northeast and encouraged a multiple property nomination sponsored by a local interested group.

IV. Selection of Grants of 1987 State Historic Preservation Grant Program

Mr. Gilbertson introduced the process to be used in selecting grants. Mr. Gilbertson stressed full-funding of a lesser number of projects in his opening remarks. Council members reviewed the grants criteria and the selection process. Mr. Zirblis distributed an index of the grant applicants, a summary of the grants and a map of the state showing geographic distribution of applicants. Copies are attached to the record copy of the minutes.

Mr. Anderson stated that because his firm had been involved in preparing reports on two buildings, the Weybridge Town Hall and the Leicester Meeting House, he would abstain from voting on the grant applications for those 2 buildings. Mr. Carnahan stated that he is on the Board of the Vermont Historical Society and therefore, would abstain from voting on the Kent Museum application since the Museum is owned by the Vermont Historical Society.

Discussion ensued concerning the eligibility of replacement asphalt roofs. It is not restoration work but may be a very important action in preserving a building.

From 9:45 to 1:15, the Council reviewed slides or photographs of each project. Mr. Zirblis summarized applications. Council members asked questions or made comments on many of the projects. The Council noted that the Division should add to the grant manual next year, an absolute requirement for slides with applications.

Discussion took place about the use of the grants program for repeated funding of buildings. Should grants be limited to being a catalyst for projects amounting to large \$ funds. One member noted that past community effort should be considered in grant selection as a positive favor. Mr. Gilbertson suggested that pressing nature of work should be considered in grant selection. Mr. Anderson asked

if awarding grants to projects desperately in need of physical work to ensure their survival would illustrate the need of the grants program. Mr. Zirblis questioned if using criteria of desperation rewarded owners who had not taken care of buildings.

Mr. Anderson questioned whether projects involving cedar wood shingle roofs should be eligible since the material is not as good as other roofing materials.

The Council then went through choosing projects that were clearly grantees and clearly not eligible. That yielded 9 identified grantees. The Council then made a second cut of projects that might be funded in addition to the 9. They then narrowed that list to 9 projects.

Next the Council reviewed each of the 18 applicants, taking a vote of the members on each project. The results of those votes were as follows: Weybridge Town Hall, 5 yes, 1 abstention (Mr. Anderson); Irasburg Town Hall, 4 yes, 2 no; Baptist Church of Brookline, 6 yes; Granby - Victory Congregational Church, 6 yes; Former Methodist Church of Newbury, 6 yes; Congregational Church of East Braintree, 3 yes, 3 no; Leicester Meeting House, 5 yes, 1 abstention (Mr. Anderson); Starksboro Village Meeting House, 6 yes; Gilbert Hart Library, 6 yes; Moretown Memorial Library, 5 yes, 1 no; Joslin Memorial Library, 6 yes; Union Academy, 6 yes; Northfield Village Elementary School, 6 yes; Rokeby, 6 yes; Brown's Covered Bridge, 3 yes, 3 no; Hardwick Depot, 6 yes; Royalton Privy, 5 yes, 1 no.

The Council reviewed a map showing geographic distribution of the 18 projects. The Council discussed partially funding two projects - Northfield Village Elementary School at half the requested amount, or \$2,500, and Irasburg Town Hall at \$3,000. With those cuts, all of the projects with at least 4 yes votes in the individual balloting could be funded. The three projects with split votes, 3 yes', 3 no', could be alternates, projects that would be funded if any of the grantees projects could not be carried out. Ms. Power moved to approve the 15 grants as outlined above, with the alternates as noted. Mr. Wood seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The result of the vote yielded the following selection and amounts of grants:

Weybridge Town Hall	\$3,900.00
Baptist Church of Brookline	\$3,837.00
Granby-Victory Congregational Church	\$ 750.00
Former Methodist Church of Newbury	\$2,350.00
Leicester Meeting House	\$4,000.00

Starksboro Meeting House	\$3,100.00
Gilbert Hart Library	\$4,200.00
Joslin Library	\$2,500.00
Union Academy	\$5,000.00
Northfield Village Elementary School	\$2,500.00
Rokeby	\$5,000.00
Irasburg	\$3,000.00
Moretown Library	\$5,000.00
Royalton Privy	\$ 750.00
Hardwick Depot	\$5,000.00
Total	\$50,887.00

Mr. Gilbertson confirmed that money was available in the grants fund to cover the extra \$887.00.

The three alternates are as follows:

Windham Congregational Church	\$2,500.00
Congregational Church of East Braintree	\$1,350.00
Brown's Covered Bridge	\$5,000.00

The Council noted that Brown's Covered Bridge should be the third alternate, the last alternate funded, and then only if it was confirmed that money for the rest of the project was available.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.



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NOTICE

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 1987, beginning at 9:30 am in Room 112 at Redstone, Terrace Street, Montpelier Vermont.

AGENDA

- I. Minutes of July 15, 1987 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for October, November and December Meetings.
- III. Director's Report
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Discussion of State Grants Criteria and Philosophy
- V. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Second Congregational Church, Jericho
 - B. East Craftsbury Historic District
 - C. Thetford Center Historic District
- VI. New Business



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Minutes

September 22, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT: Townsend Anderson
John Carnahan
Daina Penkiunas
Martin Tierney
Larry Brickner-Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chester Liebs
Marjory Power

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone
Gina Campoli
Ray Zirblis

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:50.

- I. Minutes of July 15, 1987. The Council reviewed the minutes. John Carnahan moved to accept them. Mr. Anderson seconded and they were unanimously approved.
- II. The Council set the next Council meeting for October 13, 1987 in Shelburne; the November meeting will be on the 20th and the December meeting was set for the 18th.
- III. Directors Report
Mr. Gilbertson summarized his recent NCSHPO meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He revealed the status of the effort by NCSHPO to take the preservation program out of the National Park Service and a possible 5 million increase in federal funding to the states. Mr. Gilbertson also said that Elbert G. Moulton was the new agency secretary and he was anticipating a good working relationship with him.

Mr. Carnahan suggested Mr. Moulton be invited to lunch with the Council. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Mr. Gilbertson would investigate the possibility for the October meeting. If the luncheon takes place, the meeting will be held in Montpelier. Discussion ensued regarding the Governor's initiative to focus on growth issues and how preservation might be incorporated in that effort. There was a strong feeling on the part of the Council that they should be involved in this.

IV. Old Business

A. Discussion of State Grants Criteria.

Mr. Zirblis introduced the issues that evolved during this last grant round. He said that the criteria should be better defined, particularly in the area of critical need. This year the Council felt strongly that need (critical to the life of the building) was a primary concern and this notion was not adequately conveyed to applicants in the criteria as they are now written. Mr. Gilbertson reminded the Council that the application process had to be kept as simple as possible. Public participation and dollar need were also discussed as issues that should be incorporated in the criteria. Mr. Anderson suggested that 3 priorities be made (similar to Mr. Gilbertson's priority system for the state owned sites) 1. Immediate threat to the building; 2. Structural integrity; 3. Decorative enhancement; and that a percentage of projects be allocated for each of the priorities. Mr. Carnahan and Mr. Wood felt that there didn't need to be a percentage and that the Council should be able to execute its judgement regarding the priorities. Mr. Gilbertson suggested that percentage ranges be applied to allow for leeway in the decision making process. Mr. Gilbertson reminded the Council that a 2 year funding cycle is needed to provide a longer planning period. Mr. Carnahan made the motion that the Division should start planning for this immediately without dropping a year of the program. Mr. Gilbertson agreed that he would pursue this. Mr. Wood seconded Mr. Carnahan's motion and the Council unanimously approved it.

Mr. Wood revealed some thoughts he had on the criteria: Slides are critical; staff recommendations would be helpful (Discussion ensued regarding this and it was generally agreed that recommendation should be provided); painting should not be a high priority, groups can usually do painting without grant support; community support for the project should be considered; and a National Register Nomination should be encouraged as part of the grant process. Nomination Discussion ensued regarding this and there was a consensus reached

that there should be a relationship between the grant program and the National Register. Mr. Anderson said the alternative now was to strongly encourage a nomination as part of the project.

Mr. Anderson also suggested that the categories that he suggested earlier in the meeting be flushed out by the Division staff, that past projects be compared to these categories and that a list of the type of work that falls under each of those categories be defined. Staff agreed to do this and present the information to the Council next month.

V. National Register Preliminary Reviews

A. Second Congregational Church, Jericho

Ms. Boone presented the building's background—a summary of a past effort to nominate the village of Jericho, and the Church's history. Mr. Tierney suggested that a district nomination be strongly encouraged. He felt the church was eligible individually but would like to see a district nomination. Council members agreed that the Division should notify the church that that the church was eligible individually and a district should be encouraged.

B. East Craftsbury Historic District Craftsbury

Ms. Campoli presented the East Craftsbury survey and photographs and explained that the Vermont Land Trust was involved in a large acquisition that would include a building in the village and much of the surrounding farmland. The Council was in unanimous agreement that the district was eligible for the State and National Register and they officially designated East Craftsbury on the State Register. It was agreed that the district boundaries, as they appear on the survey form should be expanded to include more of the farmland contiguous with the village. The Division will be amending the survey form in the next few weeks.

C. Thetford Center Historic District, Thetford

Ms. Campoli presented slides of the district. The Council was in unanimous agreement that it appears eligible for the National Register on historic and architectural merit.

VI. New Business

A. Historic Schools

Ms. Boone handed out copies of a letter from Joseph Sherman outlining the issues now facing Vermont's

historic schools and the conflict between preservation and the Department of Education standards. Mr. Anderson suggested that a resolution be made supporting the position stated by Mr. Sherman and the Council should write a letter to reiterate this. It should be emphasized that historic schools are important in the historic appearance of the state and should be preserved. The letter should be addressed to Stephen Kaagan and cc Al Moulton and the Governor. Mr. Anderson will draft the letter in the coming weeks. Mr. Wood noted that some type of follow up be incorporated into the letter. It was agreed that the Council should request a meeting with Stephen Kaagan in the letter.

Mr. Wood moved to adjourn the meeting Mr. Carnahan seconded this motion, all were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm for lunch.



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NOTICE

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 1987, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at 13 Baldwin Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

AGENDA

- I. Minutes of September 22, 1987 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for November, December and January Meetings
- III. Old Business
 - A. State Grants Philosophy and Criteria
- IV. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. 6 Lake Street, Burlington
 - B. Church Street Historic District, Orleans



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Martin Tierney

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Carnahan
Larry Brickner-Wood
Chester Liebs
Marjory Power

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy E. Boone
Gina Campoli
Ray Zirblis

The Meeting was held at 13 Baldwin Street, Montpelier and was called to order by the Chairman at 9:59 a.m.

- I. The minutes of the September 22, 1987 meeting was not reviewed due to the absence of a quorum. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- II. The Council confirmed the November meeting for the 20th; the December meeting was set for the 18th and the January meeting was set for the 20th. Mr. Gilbertson will try to schedule a lunch meeting with Elbert Moulton for the November meeting in Montpelier.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Discussion for the Grants philosophy and criteria was postponed until the next meeting.
 - B. Mr. Anderson presented the draft of a letter to Stephen Kaagan regarding Joe Sherman's letter. It was agreed that Mr. Anderson summarized Mr. Sherman's letter well. The Division staff will make minor final revisions and provide a copy for Mr. Tierney's signature.

V. Directors Report

Mr. Gilbertson emphasized that historic preservation should be incorporated in the Governor's growth planning meetings. Mr. Gilbertson said that the Division has notified over 200 preservation minded people of the upcoming sessions. Mr. Gilbertson related that he will be preparing a position paper that will emphasize the technical assistance that the Division can provide, if planning does occur. (Keeping in mind that more staff will be needed.) Mr. Gilbertson encouraged the Council to attend the meetings and/or write comments to the Committee Chairman. Mr. Anderson suggested that all the state agencies begin considering their plans in coordination with each other to forward the goal of good growth planning. Mr. Gilbertson said that the proposed 5 million dollar federal increase to the states could be used for planning for school rehabilitation.

There was a consensus among the members that other services besides schools, such as post offices, banks, and stores should be kept in village centers to assure their preservation. Good planning should identify these services.

Mr. Gilbertson revealed that he was named SHPO by the Governor. (The Agency Secretary was previously the SHPO.) This change will not change Mr. Gilbertson's authority.

Mr. Gilbertson discussed the recent proposed charges to the Development Agency - the addition of other development oriented departments. This would leave the Division out of DCA. There are rumors that the Division will be absorbed into the Natural Resources Agency.

Mr. Gilbertson passed out a new NCSHPO survey form, the intent of which is to determine the need for preservation construction grants. Mr. Gilbertson asked the Council to help him distribute the forms. If members know of persons who should receive the form, they should contact the Division.

Mr. Gilbertson reported on his diving experience and the underwater conference last week.

IV. National Register Preliminary Review

A. 6 Lake Street, Burlington

The Council agreed that the building does not appear eligible for the National Register. It does not appear to retain its historic integrity and may be a small part of a larger development at the site. The owner should be notified of this and the burden of proof to refute the Council's evaluation is his responsibility.

B. Orleans Historic District

The Council felt that the house proposed for demolition as part of an elderly housing project was not individually eligible for the National Register. It was agreed that the residential district to the south and east including the house in question was eligible for the National Register. The district contributes to the broad patterns of Orleans history although the buildings are not considered high style or are terrifically old. The intact neighborhood is significant among North East Kingdom factory towns. The house is on the highly traveled Church Street corridor (Vt Rt. 58) and acts as a gateway to the potential district. It was also agreed that, despite intruding modern structures near the house, its prominent site and intact condition cause it to contribute to the district.

At 12:10 pm the meeting was adjourned for lunch.



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NOTICE

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AGENDA

- I. Minutes of September 22, 1987 and October 13, 1987 Meetings
- II. Confirmation of Dates of December, January and February Meetings
- III. Director's Report
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Historic Schools
- V. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Pine Street School, Rutland
- VI. New Business
 - A. Introduction of Elbert Moulton, new Agency Secretary (11:00 a.m.)
 - B. Fort Ethan Allen Partial Sale and Development
 - C. Rutland Fairgrounds Status Report
 - D. East-O-Lake Rehabilitation Project



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November 20, 1987

Members Present: John Carnahan
Townsend Anderson
Chester Liebs
Larry Brickner-Wood (joined at 11:00)

Members Absent: Marjory Power
Daina Penkiunas
Martin Tierney

Staff Present: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone
Gina Campoli

Others Present: Glenn Gershanek (10:30-11:00)
Jeffrey Francis (9:45-10:30)
Elbert Moulton (10:30-10:45)
Eric Farrell (1:00-2:00)
Blanche Turner (1:00-2:00)

The meeting, held at 13 Baldwin Street in Montpelier, was called to order by the Vice Chairman at 9:55 a.m.

VI. New Business

E. Theron Boyd House Update

Mr. Gilbertson reported on the status of the project to acquire and restore the Theron Boyd House in Quechee. He explained that SPNEA was hired to write a plan for the restoration of the building, and a group of British consultants were hired in conjunction with the Vermont Land Trust to provide another perspective on the interpretive possibilities for the building and grounds. He showed slides of the site which followed the route of the tour proposed by the British consultants. He also presented slides of a house museum in Weston, Massachusetts, which is roughly of the same period as the Boyd House and the approach to preservation similar to how the Boyd House will be interpreted.

F. Brookfield Paving Issue

Glen Gershanek from the Agency of Transportation attended the meeting to discuss the Brookfield paving issue. He related that the Transportation Agency was feeling pressed on the issue due the close local votes in favor of paving and the threat of a lawsuit from an owner in the district who claims paving was promised at one time. He would like a proposal to come out of the issue that puts the two agencies in agreement. He will investigate the Act 250 decision which originally stopped the paving project in the early 1970s. If this investigation fails, he would like to give the decision to pave or not back to the community. Mr. Liebs suggested that alternative surfaces be investigated; the University would be willing to help research the possibilities. Mr. Gershanek said he would talk to his technical people about this and investigate the possibility of doing a test patch at another location. He will report back to the Council next month regarding the Act 250 decision.

A. Introduction of New Agency Secretary

Elbert Moulton, the new Agency Secretary, joined the meeting and briefly introduced himself to the Council members and expressed his desire to work cooperatively with the Council in the future.

I. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meetings for September 22, 1987, and October 13, 1987, were unanimously accepted.

II. Confirmation of Dates

The December meeting will be on the 18th in Montpelier, the January meeting was set for the 19th, the February meeting set for the 16th and the March meeting was tentatively scheduled for the 15th. There was a consensus that Tuesdays and Thursdays are best for the members' varied schedules.

III. Director's Report

Mr. Gilbertson related the latest regarding the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation's initiative to absorb the Division as part of the Agency of Natural Resources. He emphasized that he is not supporting the idea at this time. There has not been sufficient research on the subject, and he will be meeting with Molly Beattie and Ed Koenemann next month to discuss the matter further. He requested that the Advisory Council discuss this issue and possibly meet with Commissioner Beattie at the next meeting if the issue is pursued.

Mr. Gilbertson said that there is a request for \$200,000 for continuation of the grants program. This will allow for a two-year, \$100,000 cycle. The proposal was supported by Mr. Moulton.

Mr. Gilbertson updated the Council on the effort to repair the Windsor-Cornish Covered Bridge. He said that the Agency of Transportation was pursuing an earlier proposal to simply rehabilitate rather than insert large arches as was proposed by Milton Graton and the New Hampshire Legislature. It was suggested that some of the people involved come to a Council meeting to air the issues.

Mr. Gilbertson described the needs assessment survey being undertaken by the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and asked for the members' assistance in filling out the survey forms.

IV. Old Business

A. Historic Schools

Ms. Boone distributed copies of the letter that had been sent to Stephan Kaagan concerning the school issue. No reply had yet been received. The Council discussed some general concerns regarding continued use of historic schools. Several state agencies seem to have conflicting goals that affect the schools. Members questioned if there is a role for the Governor's Office in addressing this issue. Ms. Boone noted that there is a potential conflict between advocating for continued use of historic school buildings in community centers and advocating for retention of State Register buildings that lie in the way of physical expansion of an adjacent historic school. The Division will pursue a meeting between state education officials and the Council, as requested in the Council's letter to Commissioner Kaagan. Hopefully, this can occur at the December meeting.

V. National Register Preliminary Review

A. Pine Street School, Rutland

Ms. Boone reviewed the survey information related to the school and other schools in Rutland. Mr. Liebs felt it was eligible due to its relationship to the history of education as was outlined in the Longfellow School (in Rutland) survey form. He moved to approve the school for eligibility to the National Register and all present were in agreement.

VI. New Business

B. Fort Ethan Allen

Mr. Liebs suggested that the Council write a letter and recommend that the Council review the University's disposal plans for the Fort. Mr. Gilbertson agreed that a consensus should be reached with the University and a letter be sent. Mr. Liebs recommended the January meeting be set for a meeting with the University. Mr. Brickner-Wood suggested notifying the public entities that are involved--Colchester, Essex and the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Mr. Gilbertson said that it should be stressed that the University should take the initiative in assuring that the Fort be preserved.

G. 300-302 Main Street, Burlington

Ms. Campoli introduced the history and Register status of the buildings. Eric Farrell, project developer, and Blanche Turner, the present owner of the property, joined the meeting and described Mr. Farrell's proposal to demolish 302 Main and the rear portion of 300 Main and build condominium units to the rear of the site. There was a consensus that a site visit by members should occur before a decision is made. A meeting was scheduled for December 2 at 8:00 a.m. Those Council members who can't be there will visit the site and call Ms. Campoli with their comments and concerns.

H. Presentation of UVM Preservation Program Simulation Model

Mr. Liebs showed slides of the Preservation Program's simulation model of the Burlington waterfront. He asked that the Division and the Council think about how the model can be used in Vermont communities. He will come to a Division staff meeting on December 7 at 9:00 to discuss possibilities with the staff.

D. East-O-Lake Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Liebs showed slides of the project currently well underway and the issue of the project's success or failure from a preservation standpoint was discussed. Some felt that the new buildings on the site and the rebuilding of the Inn had too greatly compromised the building's historic character.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



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Agenda:

- I. Minutes of November 20, 1987 Meeting
- II. Confirmation of Dates for January, February and March Meetings
- III. Director's Report
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Historic Schools-James Lengel, Department of Education (1:00 p.m.)
- V. State Register Review
 - A. Four, One-Room Schools in Pomfret
 - B. Scheduling Council Review of Finished Surveys
- VI. National Register Preliminary Review
 - A. Harsch House, Bennington
 - B. Pierce's Hall, Putney
 - C. Post Mills Congregational Church, Thetford
- VII. New Business



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December 18, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Brickner-Wood
Marjory Power
Chester Liebs
Townsend Anderson
Daina Penkiunas
Martin Tierney (joined at 10:15)

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Carnahan

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gilbertson
Nancy Boone
Gina Campoli
David Skinas (joined at 10:30)

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Gershanek (9:30-10:00)
James Lengel (1:00-2:15)

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 by Eric Gilbertson in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. It was held in the meeting room of the Vermont Learning Center, 146 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

IV. Old Business

B. Brookfield Paving Issue

Glenn Gershanek of the Agency of Transportation reported that the initial paving project in the late 1970s was grandfathered. Act 250 did not apply, thus the Council could not comment as a result of an Act 250 decision. The issue was brought to court and then resolved by the compromise to end paving at the edge of the village. He said the Agency was willing to try some test pavements and take a creative approach in keeping the dust down. He hopes they will be able to show the Council some test patches by February. He will get back to us in the next few weeks if

a February date is feasible. He assumes the guidelines for the new material will match the existing conditions as closely as possible and recommended a covenant between the Council and the Agency of Transportation to assure the new material is maintained in future years. Mr. Liebs suggested that Mr. Gershanek be supported by the Council for his assistance in dealing with this issue.

I. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brickner-Wood moved to accept the minutes of the November 20, 1987, meeting which was seconded by Ms. Power and unanimously approved.

VI. National Register Preliminary Review

A. Harsch House, Bennington

Ms. Boone explained that the Bennington Certified Local Government will be involved in the approval of the nomination. She reviewed the history of the house. There was consensus that it was an excellent example of a "typical" Queen Anne house, and it was relatively unique in the preservation of its interior. It was noted that if this house was eligible, there were many others like it that were eligible in the state. All of the members present were in agreement that the house was eligible for the National Register.

B. Pierce Hall, East Putney

Ms. Boone related the history of the structure. The Council was in unanimous agreement that the building was eligible for the National Register. A suggestion was made that the village might be eligible as a district and that the interested parties in Putney might want to investigate that.

C. Post Mills Congregational Church, Thetford

Ms. Boone presented the history of the building taken from the Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey. There was a consensus among the Council members present that the Church was eligible for the National Register.

D. Vt-WN-41 Prehistoric Archeological Site

David Skinas, Acting State Archeologist, joined the meeting and described the prehistoric archeological site, artifacts and features. He explained that there is a great deal of erosion going on as a result of the raising and lowering of the Bellows Falls dam. New England Power Company agreed to donate some money to do preliminary investigation of the site. Dr. James Petersen was hired this fall to do the

work. Mr. Skinas said the goal of the preliminary investigation and resulting information was to convince New England Power Company that it should rip-rap the banks, an expensive requirement. Dr. Petersen discovered 37 features and dug over 40 test pits, with over 57 percent yielding prehistoric artifacts. He defined the perimeters of the site as including the entire terrace, more than what was expected. The stratification of the site is excellent and bone preservation is good. It includes a unique combination of habitation and burial remains. There was unanimous agreement that the site was eligible for the National Register.

III. Director's Report

Mr. Gilbertson described his recent National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers meeting in Portland, Oregon. The major preservation organizations discussed the new legislation which will be introduced this January. He said there was some disagreement over whether or not the requested \$5 million increase in this year's preservation fund would be apportioned by population and area, which he vigorously opposes. Mr. Gilbertson also discussed the status of the Needs Assessment study in Vermont and presented Ray Zirblis' summary, a copy of which is attached to the record copy of the minutes. Over \$19 million of need has already been identified.

V. State Register Review

B. Scheduling Council Review of Finished Surveys

Ms. Boone explained the importance of the Council reviewing the survey for designation to the State Register. The Council members were apologetic that review had not taken place as of yet, and there was agreement that the members would review the sites they had agreed to review in the coming months.

II. Confirmation of Future Meeting Dates

The January meeting was set for the 19th, the February meeting was set for the 23rd and the March meeting was set for the 22nd.

V. State Register Review

A. Four, One-Room Schools in Pomfret

Ms. Boone explained the background of the request for State Register review. The Town of Pomfret is considering rehabilitating or vacating their schools, and they were told by

Ed Ryan at the Department of Education that "if they are historic, they can't touch them," i.e. the Town couldn't use State funds to renovate or expand them. Ms. Boone went to Pomfret to visit the four schools and corrected the school board's information about their being able to use State money for renovation or additions. Currently, the town houses one or two grades per school. All four are more than 50 years old. The Town had a report done that projects the additional space needs at the schools under various rehabilitation/construction options. The additional requirements are sizable, and it would take a creative plan to successfully graft the space onto the historic structures, but Ms. Boone told the Town that the Division would work with them to develop an acceptable solution if the Town chooses to continue using their historic schools. Ironically, Ms. Boone noted that the school best suited to accept a large addition (the Center School) was targeted for the smallest addition in the report. Ms. Boone showed slides of the exteriors and interiors of the schools. The Council voted unanimously that all four schools are eligible for the State Register. The Council also noted that they may be eligible for the National Register. Additional information on the other school buildings in town that are no longer used for educational purposes should be reviewed to properly determine the National Register eligibility of the four schools considered here.

IV. Old Business

A. Historic Schools

James Lengel of the Department of Education arrived at 1:00 to join the meeting. He related that there was \$30 million of construction going on right now involving Vermont schools. Often communities are split on locations, causing divisions and problems among citizens. He explained that the school standards require certain things; communities can't deal with all the requirements and thus consider new construction first. The communities don't go to architects early enough or the architects can't deal with rehabilitation. Ideally, there should be an architect on call who can respond to school's needs and be aware of rehabilitation options. Mr. Gilbertson encouraged notifying the Division early in the community's planning process. Mr. Lengel suggested a couple of possibilities to help solve the complex problem: a booklet showing that rehabilitation is possible and good examples; a team that would go out and assist school boards early on in the planning process and would include someone who is familiar with preservation standards; a money incentive from the State to schools that consider rehabilitation. This would take the form of a percentage increase in the amount given to the schools as

part of State aid. Mr. Gilbertson brought up the possibility of the Division hiring a historic architect or consulting architect to assist schools. Both he and Mr. Lengel agreed a request could go to the Legislature this year for a budget increase to cover the latter proposal. Mr. Gilbertson suggested getting together with Mr. Lengel next Wednesday afternoon (December 23) and drafting a budget initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.