



State of Vermont
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1 National Life Drive, Floor 6
Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
January 19, 2017
Justin Morrill Conference Room
Montpelier, Vermont**

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member
David Donath, Historian (arrived at 10:02 a.m.)
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member

Absent: Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Caitlin Corkins, State Grants Administrator
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Bill Bissonette, 8 Haswell Street, Burlington
Steve Guild, 8 Haswell Street, Burlington
Warren Irish, 8 Haswell Street, Burlington

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

I/II. Meet and Greet with Katie Buckley / Changes to the Agenda

Katie Buckley, Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development, could not attend the January meeting, but instead will join the February meeting to meet the council.

III. Public Comment

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

IV. Review and Approval of December 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Barbara George made a motion to approve the December 20, 2016, minutes and Glenn Andres seconded; no changes noted. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Historic Roadside Markers – Old City and Old City Falls, Strafford

Laura Trieschmann presented the proposed text and location information for the historic marker. Following review and discussion, Helen Whyte motioned to approve the historic marker as amended; Ron Kilburn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



VI. SHPO Report

Laura Trieschmann provided council members with an update on the Hardwick Section House from VTrans. At the December meeting, the council supported VTrans's recommendation for demolition. Since then, a benefactor has contacted the Hardwick Historical Society, offering the necessary funds to relocate, rehabilitate, and reuse the Section House. The proposed plan relocates the building along a different stretch of railroad to retain its historic setting, documenting it prior to the move.

Laura announced that the Division is partnering with the University of Vermont's Historic Preservation program to present the annual DHP consultant training. The training will be held on April 12, 2017, at the UVM Davis Center.

Finally, Laura reported that the project review team were reviewing numerous net metering solar projects due to a change in the review process and standards. She also reported that due to the new rules adopted by the Public Service Board, the team will no longer be able to comment on roof mounted solar.

VII. Grant Application SharePoint Tutorial

Caitlin Corkins joined the meeting to present the new SharePoint site, which they will utilize to review historic preservation and barn grant applications. The new site will be ready for the review of the barn grant applications in February.

VIII. National Register of Historic Places – Proposed Nomination

U.S. Post Office and Customs House, St. Albans City

Devin Colman presented the nomination submitted by General Services Administration (GSA) for the U.S. Post Office and Customs House in St. Albans City for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Council members passed along edits to correct inaccuracies and typos in the text. As the nomination was submitted by a federal agency, a formal vote by the council was unnecessary; formal concurrence or disagreement from the SHPO is required for the nomination to go forward. Edits will be submitted to GSA with a letter of concurrence from SHPO; the letter will outline the support of the council.

**IX. State Register of Historic Places – De-Listing
8 Haswell Street, Burlington**

Devin Colman, along with guests Bill Bissonette, Steve Guild, and Warren Irish, presented the alteration history of the property at 8 Haswell Street in Burlington. Due to extensive damage from fire in April 2016, the building underwent substantial alterations. Although council members made note of a successful project to bring housing back to the neighborhood, they supported the Division's opinion that the damage caused by the fire and the subsequent, albeit necessary, alterations have affected the building's integrity; therefore, it is no longer eligible for listing in the State Register. David Donath made a motion to remove the property for the State Register, Ron Kilburn seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

X. 2017 Certified Local Government Application Review & Grant Award

Prior to the meeting, Devin Colman supplied council members with electronic information for each of the nine applications to be considered for the 2017 Certified Local Government Grants. There were eight priority-one applications and one priority-two application. The total amount requested is \$89,916, with \$68,800 (12% of the HPF grant) available for the council to award. Council members viewed a power point presentation that summarized



each application, during which they had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss each project. Devin indicated the City of Burlington, which filed the priority-two application, would accept partial funding. Glenn Andres made a motion to fund the eight priority-one applications and partially fund the only priority-two application, Helen Whyte seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

XI. New Business

Meeting Schedule

With meeting dates already scheduled for February 23, 2017 and March 23, 2017, the decision was made to postpone the selection of the April meeting date to coincide close to the April consultant training.

Announcements

Laura Trieschmann reported that plans are well underway for the 3rd annual 3-D Vermont event, to be held on Friday, March 24, 2017, at the Vermont Technical College in Randolph.

Devin Colman advised that the annual Downtown and Historic Preservation conference will be held this year in White River Junction, Vermont, on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 11:44 a.m.



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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
February 23, 2017
Justin Morrill Conference Room
Montpelier, Vermont

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

Absent: David Donath, Historian

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Katie Buckley, Commissioner Department of Housing and Community Development
Caitlin Corkins, State Grants Administrator
Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Katie Buckley, Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, joined the meeting to introduce herself and meet the members of the council.

I. Changes to the Agenda

Jenni Lavoie stated that Devin Colman would be joining the meeting in place of Laura Trieschmann to provide the SHPO update and information regarding the visit by the National Park Service's National Register reviewer for Vermont.

II. Public Comment

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

III. Review / Approve January 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Barbara George made a motion to approve the January 21, 2017, minutes and Ron Kilburn seconded; no changes noted. Motion carried 6-0.



IV. Barn Grant Applications

Several weeks prior to the meeting, Caitlin Corkins supplied council members with electronic and hard-copy information for each of the thirty-three applications to be considered for the 2017 Barn Preservation Grants. The total amount requested is \$411,907. The council has \$211,370 available to award. Council members viewed a power point presentation that summarized each application, with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the various components of each project. After review and discussion, seventeen applications out of thirty-three were selected for funding, with four alternates. Barbara George made a motion to reduce the offer for BG17-007, as the acceptance of partial funding was noted in the application, to provide funding for BG17-006. Helen Whyte seconded. Blaine Cliver moved that all the buildings selected for awarding, which are not already listed or deemed eligible, are recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register. Barbara George seconded. The motion carried 6-0. Blaine Cliver made a motion to fund the seventeen applications with the highest scores, identifying four alternates. Barbara George seconded. The motion carried 6-0. A complete list of the applications awarded will be put on the Division for Historic Preservations website once all applicants have been notified of the results; legislators, as required by Statute, shall be notified via email the day after the award selections.

V. SHPO Report

In Laura Trieschmann's absence, Devin Colman joined the meeting to discuss design regulatory review on the local level as it pertains to historic resources listed in the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Discussion focused on working with local partners (Regional Planning Commissions specifically) to provide the cities and towns in Vermont, with technical assistance and guidance on how to effectively incorporate design review, without causing undue hardships on homeowners.

Preparation for Visit by National Register Reviewer

Devin Colman discussed the upcoming visit in April with Jim Gabbert, the National Register Reviewer with the National Park Service. Mr. Gabbert is traveling to Vermont, to provide training to the historic preservation consultants at the Division's annual training among other events. Staff of VDHP shall work with council members and Mr. Gabbert to determine if the best approach for a discussion and the points needed to review.

VII. New Business

Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates of April 19, 2017, and May 18, 2017, were selected.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

VIII. Adjourned at 12:23 p.m.



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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
March 23, 2017
Justin Morrill Conference Room
Montpelier, Vermont

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

Absent: David Donath, Historian
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Caitlin Corkins, Tax Credits & Grants Coordinator
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Tracy Martin, Historic Sites Section Chief
Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Brennan Gauthier, VTrans
Kyle Obenauer, VTrans
Judith Ehrlich, VTrans
Jen Russell, VTrans
Chris Slesar, VTrans
Andrea Wright, VTrans
Rob Sikora, FHWA

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

I. Changes to the Agenda

John Vetter noted, in light of the absence of two members and the substance of the topic, that the final discussion related to agenda item VI – Historic Preservation & Barn Preservation Grants Scoring Criteria Review be continued at a later meeting.

II. Public Comment

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

III. Review / Approve February 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Glenn Andres made a motion to approve the February 23, 2017, minutes with noted changes



and Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. VTrans – Annual Report

The VTrans Cultural Resource Team, with Rob Sikora from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provided the Council with a status update and review of their annual report. Discussion focused on the increased readability of the report from years past and work between the agencies relating to the pending programmatic agreement. Council members had opportunities to comment on the annual report, ask questions of the Cultural Resource Team and spoke to areas needing clarification. The members feel the annual report once finalized should be distributed to a wider audience.

V. VTrans – Building Relocation in Right of Way

Judith Ehrlich requested consideration of the relocation of historic buildings within state rights-of-way as possible mitigation and/or best preservation efforts. The accepted policy has been to not consider moving historic buildings as an option, as it can compromise integrity of setting and location, thus possibly affecting a resource’s ability to reflect its significance. Although council members urged that this should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, fundamentally they did agree with the proposal. Laura Trieschmann reminded everyone that the National Register must concur with all proposed relocation plans for all listed properties prior to any move. (Section 60.14(b) <https://www.nps.gov/nr/regulations.htm>)

VI. Historic Preservation & Barn Preservation Grants – Scoring Criteria Review

Caitlin Corkins led a discussion on potential changes in scoring criteria for the Historic Preservation and Barn Preservation Grant programs. Council members engaged in discussion regarding changes to several of the criteria, but ultimately decided to refrain from making specific changes until the April meeting, when hopefully a full council will be present to discuss. Caitlin shall revise the items for consideration based on the discussion and re-submit to the council.

VII. CLG Grant Project Priorities

Devin Colman discussed the projects currently underway through the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant program. The council is seeking a more competitive grant process with more significant preservation projects. Ideas to propose to CLG coordinators at the June training included: Multiple Property Documentation Forms (MPDF), updates to historic district nominations, architectural survey projects that lead to National Register nominations, design review guidelines, evaluation of local preservation ordinances, commission trainings, and that the grant proposals contribute to the Division’s state plan goals.

VIII. SHPO Report

Tracy Martin joined the meeting to discuss the upcoming roof repair project at the Justin Morrill State Historic Site. Discussion focused on treatment options for the pressed tin roof and the current options to best preserve the building. The expertise of the council members was sought on vendors for the roofing tiles, methods for undertaking the work on the most vulnerable part of the roof, contractors, and the preservation/maintenance efforts for the whole roof as well as the interior structural system now compromised by the section of deteriorating roof.

Laura Trieschmann provided updates regarding the partnership between the Division and Danforth Pewter with new charms and ornaments created this year; the status of American Battlefield Protection Program grants for Hubbardton Battlefield and Mount Independence



State Historic Sites; and the historic preservation and barn preservation grant awards ceremony on March 28, 2017 at the State House. Other updates included two boundary mapping projects: FEMA mapping of the National Register historic district boundaries and the Regional Planning Commissions (RPC) mapping of State Register historic district boundaries. Laura also informed council members of recent testimony given to Senate Institutions on the programs included in the Capital Construction Budget, which includes the roadside markers, underwater preserves, major maintenance for historic sites, and the two preservation grants.

IX. Annual Meeting – Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Glenn Andres motioned to keep the existing officers, John Vetter as council chair and Barbara George as vice chair. Blaine Cliver seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

X. New Business

Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates:

April 19, 2017

May 18, 2017

July 20, 2017

There is no meeting in June; council to attend the Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference in White River Junction on June 8, 2017.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

XI. Adjourned at 12:19 p.m.



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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
April 19, 2017
Calvin Coolidge Conference Room
Montpelier, Vermont

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

Absent: David Donath, Historian
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Changes to the Agenda

Jenni Lavoie stated that Devin Colman would be joining the meeting in place of Laura Trieschmann to provide the presentation for the Roadside Historic Marker program and SHPO update.

II. Public Comment

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

III. Review / Approve March 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Glenn Andres made a motion to approve the March 23, 2017, minutes with noted changes and Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. Roadside Historic Marker Map

Jenni Lavoie presented council members with an overview of the new website page for the Roadside Historic Marker program, the new printable listing of all markers in the state, and the newly created interactive map.

V. Roadside Historic Markers

Devin Colman presented the proposed text and location information for the Reverend Lemuel Haynes, William Slade, Ruth Stone House, and Chester Academy historic markers. Following review and discussion, Barbara George made a motion to approve the historic



markers incorporating the recommendations made by the council; Glenn Andres seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. National Register of Historic Places – Proposed Nomination

Advent Camp Meeting Grounds, White River Junction

Devin Colman presented the nomination submitted by the town of Hartford for the Advent Camp Meeting Grounds in White River Junction, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Council members noted the significance of the grouping of buildings and that a historic map of the property would be a beneficial addition to the nomination. Glenn Andres made a motion that the nomination for the Advent Camp Meeting Grounds meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommended that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination; Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

National Register of Historic Places – Proposed Nomination

Pine Street Historic District, Burlington

Devin Colman presented the nomination submitted by the City of Burlington for the Pine Street Historic District for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Council members discussed the changes in use of the buildings in the proposed district and suggested changing the name to the Pine Street Industrial Historic District. Blaine Cliver made a motion that the nomination for the Pine Street Historic District meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommended that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination with discussed edits; Ron Kilburn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. SHPO Report

Devin Colman notified council members about the National Register White Paper, which is document available from the National Park Service. This study guides how to evaluate common resources for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Devin also reported on the Division’s 3rd annual consultant training, held at the University of Vermont’s Davis Center in Burlington on April 12. Sessions were held in the morning for consultants new to the training and Vermont. Returning archaeologists and architectural historians met for a joint session early in the afternoon, and then had breakout sessions by discipline later in the afternoon. Feedback received from consultants was positive with many commenting on the Division’s guest speaker, Jim Gabbert from the National Park Service, who led a session on identification and evaluation of historic resources for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

VII. New Business

Downtown & Historic Preservation Conference, White River Junction

Jenni Lavoie notified council members that the Division would facilitate registering those who have expressed an interest in attending the conference.

Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates:

May 18, 2017

July 20, 2017

There is no meeting in June; council to attend the Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference in White River Junction on June 8, 2017.

Announcements



Barbara George reminded her fellow council members about an upcoming Historic Windows seminar being offered by the National Preservation Institute, located in the Davis building of the National Life campus in Montpelier. This event is being sponsored by the Division.

VIII. Adjourned at 11:41 a.m.



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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
May 18, 2017
Justin Morrill Conference Room
Montpelier, Vermont**

Council Participants: Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect
David Donath, Historian – *Arrived at 9:12*
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member

Absent: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Elizabeth Peebles, Historic Resources Specialist
Caitlin Corkins, Tax Credits and Grants Coordinator
Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Vice Chair Barbara George brought the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

I. Changes to the Agenda

Laura Trieschmann stated that the following items would be added under New Business; Roadside Historic Marker, West River Railroad, Newfane, and the state-owned Redstone property in Montpelier.

II. Public Comment

Barbara George opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

III. Review / Approve April 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Glenn Andres made a motion to approve the April 19, 2017, minutes with noted changes and Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**IV. State Register of Historic Places – Determination of Eligibility
Cooper Pig Brewery, Guildhall**

Elizabeth Peebles presented a review of the Cooper Pig Brewery in Guildhall. Division staff recommend that the property is eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places under criterion C. After discussion and review, Helen Whyte moved that the documentation for the Copper Pig Brewery meets the State Register Criteria for Evaluation and, therefore, is



eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. David Donath seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

V. Historic Preservation / Barn Grant Scoring

Caitlin Corkins facilitated a discussion with council members on the criteria for the historic preservation and barn grants scoring materials for applications. Review and discussion of the historic preservation scoring materials addressed multiple criteria, including the weight of scoring on the *Secretary of Interior Standards*, quality of application, and quality of pictures. Review and discussion of the barn grant scoring materials addressed the determination of eligibility process, clarifying features, and a restructuring of the criteria numbers. Once updated, these changes will be in place for the 2017 Historic Preservation and Barn Grants application packets.

VI. SHPO Report

Laura Trieschmann provided updates to the council members regarding the legislative capital bill and housing bond.

Laura also advised she is currently developing a historic windows study group, the group specifically will discuss lead, energy efficiency, and factors with restoring versus replacement of historic windows.

Additionally, Laura advised council members that the federal historic preservation fund for SHPOs was increased by \$1M and Save America's Treasures was reinstated with \$5M. Vermont has approval to apply for \$410,000 of our FY17 funding.

Finally, she reported that several of the State Historic Sites will open on Saturday, May 27, 2017.

VII. New Business

Roadside Historic Markers – West River Railroad, Newfane

Laura Trieschmann presented the proposed text and location information for the West River Railroad in Newfane. Council members commented on concern over the proposed location, recommending the nearby Village Green as an alternative. Following review and discussion, Ron Kilburn made a motion to approve the historic marker; David Donath seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Redstone Building, Montpelier

Laura Trieschmann stated that the Vermont legislature through the capital bill has tasked Buildings and General Services (BGS) with selling state-owned Redstone in Montpelier. Because this is an historic resource, owned by the state, the Advisory Council is authorized to advise, coordinate, and consult on the proposed sale. Laura recommended to BGS that an historic resource assessment be done to identify the significance of the site and the character-defining features of the building and structures. The Division will hold an easement on the property, which will include the main building, possibly related structures and possibly archaeological resources. David Donath moved that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation delegate authority to the State Historic Preservation Officer to continue to work with BGS to achieve the best outcome for the property, its planned landscape, main building and interior detailing, and related structures. Helen Whyte seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Downtown & Historic Preservation Conference, White River Junction



Laura Trieschmann advised council members that the conference is sold out. She also advised that due to local construction projects and area graduations, parking is very limited. Shuttles will be provided to attendees from various parking lots in the surrounding areas.

Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates:

- July 20, 2017
- September 21, 2017
- October 19, 2017

There is no meeting in June; council to attend the Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference in White River Junction on June 8, 2017.

Blaine Cliver and David Donath will not be able to attend the July meeting.

Announcements

Helen Whyte stated that she has heard positive feedback from folks in Bennington who are pleased with the Putnam Block project and specifically positive feedback with the tax credit program.

Helen Whyte reported that the Manchester Library started a series of “Hometown Storytellers.” The program was very well received locally. Helen indicated that if more towns started incorporating similar programming that could help spread local history to a new audience.

David Donath announced that he had recently been awarded a grant to research the Latchis Theater in Brattleboro. David indicated he hopes to have programming with the results of the research in June.

VIII. Adjourned at 11:58 a.m.



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July 20, 2017
Montpelier Conference Room
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Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member

Absent: Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect
David Donath, Historian

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Elizabeth Peebles, Historic Resources Specialist
Yvonne Benney-Basque, Historic Resources Specialist
Jamie Duggan, Senior Project Review Coordinator
Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Joel Schwartz, Barre Area Development, Inc.
Adrienne Dickerson, Division for Historic Preservation Intern
Gwendolyn Sands, Division for Historic Preservation Intern

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

I. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

II. Public Comment

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

III. Review / Approve May 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Ron Kilburn made a motion to approve the May 18, 2017, minutes with noted changes and Helen Whyte seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. VTrans Projects

Replacement of Bridge No. 19, Old City Falls Road, Strafford

Kyle Obenauer presented a Town Highway Structures Grant project to council members. The recipient, Town of Strafford, proposes to remove Bridge Number 19 due to its state of severe



deterioration. The removal of this bridge is an adverse effect and, therefore, requires the Advisory Councils comments. Council members questioned terminology in the written documentation and Laura Trieschmann inquired on other supporting documentation related to the determination of eligibility and determination of effect required for the loss of the historic resource.

Replacement of Stone Culvert, Old River Road, Quechee

Kyle Obenauer also presented to council members a Better Roads Grant project recipient, the Town of Quechee, which proposes to remove and replace a stone culvert on Old River Road because it is undersized and causes flooding. The removal of this culvert is an adverse effect and, therefore, requires the Advisory Councils comments. Council members questioned terminology in the written documentation and Laura Trieschmann inquired on other supporting documentation related to the determination of eligibility and determination of effect required for the loss of the historic resource.

V. SHPO Report

Laura Trieschmann notified council members that the Division for Historic Preservation’s FY2016 Historic Preservation Fund close-out end-of-year documentation was approved. The first portion of the FY2017 Historic Preservation Fund grant was approved and the monies have been received. Notice was given to apply for the remaining funding, with an \$8,000 increase from FY2016.

Laura also notified council members that due to ACT 250 violations, the Division received monies that are specifically assigned for historic resource surveys in Woodstock and North Bennington. Additionally, the legislature has formed a committee to review ACT 250, with the goal of removing duplicative processes and simplifying other areas for better understanding and ease of use by the applicants.

Council members were informed of the status of the sale of the Redstone property in Montpelier. Buildings and General Services (BGS) is currently contracting with the Consulting Archaeology Program at the University of Vermont to create a Historic Resources Review, including an Archaeological Resources Assessment and architectural documentation. Laura also reported that the verbiage for the easement on the property will be determined by this review report.

Other updates included the status of several Programmatic Agreements (PA) in progress. The Division continues to work with VTrans on the PA with SHPO, VTrans, and Federal Highway Administration, on the level of documentation to be submitted. The final draft of the Community Development Block Grant PA with the Burlington Community and Economic Development Office and HUD is being reviewed by city attorneys, and an initial meeting has been scheduled to revisit the 20-year-old Vermont Historic Bridge PA with VTrans, Federal Highway Administration, and the Agency of Natural Resources.

**VI. State Register of Historic Places – Determination of Eligibility
Kindle Farm School, 1 VT Route 30, Townshend**

Devin Colman presented a review of the Kindle Farm School in Townshend. Staff recommended it as eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places under Criteria C & D. Elizabeth Peebles and Yvonne Benney-Basque, Historic Resources Specialists with the Division for Historic Preservation, answered questions from council members. Following council review and discussion, Glenn Andres made a motion that the Kindle Farm School is



eligible for the State Register of Historic Places, Helen Whyte seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. State Register of Historic Places – Request to Delist

30 MacIntyre Street, Middlebury

Devin Colman presented the alteration history of the property at 30 MacIntyre Street in Middlebury. Due to extensive renovations including application of vinyl siding, window replacement, and demolition to a large portion of the building, the Division recommended that the property be removed from the State Register of Historic Places. Ron Kilburn made a motion to remove the property from the State Register of Historic Places, Helen Whyte seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. National Register of Historic Places

Barre Downtown Historic District, Barre

Devin Colman, along with Joel Schwartz with Barre Area Development, presented an update to the Barre Downtown Historic District National Register nomination. This additional documentation included resurvey of buildings with an update of the inventory; the boundaries and historic context were not changed. Council members commented on how this project helps document the evolving role of storefronts and noted the inconsistent length of text in the descriptive information on the buildings. Devin advised a council vote was not required by the National Park Service because this is considered additional documentation.

IX. New Business

Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates:

- September 21, 2017
- October 19, 2017
- November 16, 2017

Announcements

Devin Colman reported to council members that Peter Eisenman’s House II, located in Hardwick, has been sold. The new owners should be ideal stewards of the property as they already own a Peter Eisenman designed house, House VI, in Connecticut.

X. Adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
September 21, 2017
Justin Morrill Education Center – Senator Justin S. Morrill State Historic Site
Strafford, Vermont**

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Ron Kilburn, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Edward Clark, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

Absent: David Donath, Historian

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

I. Welcome and Introduction of Council Members

John Vetter opened the meeting with introductions of returning and new council members recently appointed by the governor: Edward Clark and Paul Wyncoop.

II. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

III. Public Comment

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

IV. Election of Vice Chair

With a change in appointments, it was necessary to elect a new vice chair. Blaine Cliver made a motion to nominate Ron Kilburn as vice chair; Glenn Andres seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

V. Review / Approve July 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Glenn Andres made a motion to approve the July 20, 2017, minutes with noted changes and Ron Kilburn seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

VI. Vermont Division for Historic Preservation Office Announcements



Laura Trieschmann provided council members with updates on: the status of federal and state budgeting, including the historic preservation fund; Division progress with partners on 8 programmatic agreements, recent visits with several staff from Senator Patrick Leahy's office and Senate committees, and a visit with John Sandor the Federal Historic Tax Credit Reviewer with the National Park Service. Council members were invited to the numerous Vermont Archaeology Month events and educational outreach opportunities throughout the state this month. Additionally, Laura informed the council of a recent stone culvert survey created by VTrans and other resources the Division hopes to have available shortly based on summer intern projects. Members requested that VTrans present the findings of this study at a future meeting (which has been scheduled for November 2017).

**VII. State Register of Historic Places – Determination of Eligibility
Button Bay State Park Nature Center, Ferrisburgh**

Devin Colman presented a review of the Button Bay State Park Nature Center in Ferrisburgh. Division staff recommend the property eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places under criterion A and C. After discussion and review, Blaine Cliver made a motion that the Button Bay State Park Nature Center is eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places; Edward Clark seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Paul Wyncoop made a motion that the Button Bay State Park Nature Center be added to the State Register of Historic Places; Glenn Andres seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**VIII. New Business
Meeting Schedule**

Future meeting dates:

- October 19, 2017
- November 16, 2017
- December 20, 2017

Announcements

IX Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

A tour of the Senator Justin S. Morrill State Historic Site, which is operated by the Division, was provided for the council members following the meeting.



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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
October 19, 2017
Ottawaquechee Conference Room, National Life Main Building, 2nd Floor
Montpelier, Vermont**

Council Participants:

Ron Kilburn, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Edward Clark, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

Absent: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
David Donath, Historian

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Dale Azaria, General Counsel
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Elizabeth Peebles, Historic Resources Specialist
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Brian Romeo, Old Silo Farm, St. Johnsbury
Chris Wenger, Old Silo Farm, St. Johnsbury
Eric Gilbertson, Montpelier Historic District
Sarah McShane, Montpelier Historic District

Vice Chair Ron Kilburn brought the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

I. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

II. Public Comment

Ron Kilburn opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

III. Review / Approve September 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Glenn Andres made a motion to approve the September 21, 2017, minutes with one noted change and Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



IV. Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Dale Azaria, General Counsel for the Department of Housing and Community Development, reviewed the state code of ethics, conflict of interest policies, and Vermont's open meeting laws. As well as typical procedures for operating within the open meeting law, and how those apply to the council's email communications, voting, and recusal. Council members inquired about the amount of times a member could recuse himself/herself, specifically pertaining the meetings where grant awards are decided. Ms. Azaria will research this and report back to the Council.

V. State Register of Historic Places

Old Silo Farm, 762 Mount Pleasant Street, St. Johnsbury

Devin Colman presented the Old Silo Farm in St. Johnsbury. Division staff recommend that the property is eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. Brian Romeo and Chris Wenger, owners of the farm, described the current condition of the property and uses of the various buildings. After review and discussion, Glenn Andres made a motion that the Old Silo Farm meets the State Register Criteria for Evaluation and therefore, should be designated to the State Register of Historic Places. Edward Clark seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. National Register of Historic Places

Caledonia #9 Grange Hall, Hardwick

Devin Colman presented the Caledonia #9 Grange Hall in Hardwick. Division staff recommend that the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. Council members commented on the great condition of the building's interior and inquired about ADA accessibility in the future design plans. After review and discussion, Blaine Cliver made a motion that the Caledonia #9 Grange Hall meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommend that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Park Service. Paul Wyncoop seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Montpelier Historic District (Additional Documentation) and (Boundary Increase), Montpelier

Devin Colman presented additional documentation and boundary increase for the Montpelier Historic District. Division staff recommend that the documentation and boundary increase be recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Eric Gilbertson, chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, and Sarah McShane, of the City of Montpelier, were available to answer council questions and provide a history of the process of coordinating these updates. Council members inquired about how the boundary edges were selected and why some streets were not included. The boundaries reflect the level of survey documentation to date; the National Park Service recommended the boundaries not be extended too far as the size of the district was already extensive. After review and discussion, Paul Wyncoop made a motion that the Montpelier Historic District, additional documentation, meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommend that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination with discussed edits related to individual resource descriptions. Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Glenn Andres made a motion that the Montpelier Historic District, boundary increase, meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommend that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Park Service. Ed Clark seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



VII. SHPO Report

Laura Trieschmann provided council members with updates on the closing of the State Historic Sites for the season; Division goals for the next legislative session regarding the capital budget; and improved communication with several partners, including Buildings and General Services, Forest Parks and Recreation, and the University of Vermont. Preservation commission trainings are being planned with Historic New England for 2018. Grants for the Schooner *Lois McClure* and the General Stannard House are being prepared with funding from the Capital Budget. She also informed council members that all buildings at the State Historic Sites now had conditions assessments.

**VIII. New Business
Meeting Schedule**

Future meeting dates:

- November 16, 2017
- December 20, 2017
- January 18, 2018
- February 22, 2018

Announcements

Laura Trieschmann announced that the annual 3-D Vermont competition will be held on March 30, 2018, at the Vermont Technical College in Randolph.

Ron Kilburn gave a kudos to the Division for Historic Preservation and the Community Planning and Revitalization team members for recent outreach meetings in Enosburg and Swanton.

IX Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



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November 16, 2017
Calvin Coolidge Conference Room, National Life Davis Building, 6th Floor
Montpelier, Vermont

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Ron Kilburn, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Edward Clark, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member (arrived at 9:30)
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect
David Donath, Historian

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Caitlin Corkins, Tax Credits and Grants Coordinator
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Jamie Duggan, Senior Historic Preservation Review Coordinator
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Eliot Lothrop, Building Heritage, LLC.
Silas Treadway, Upstream Builders
Alex Tolstoi, UVM Student

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

I. Changes to the Agenda

Roadside Historic Markers and the Stabilization Fund report were discussed in conjunction with the SHPO report.

II. Public Comment

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

III. Review / Approve October 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Glenn Andres made a motion to approve the October 19, 2017, minutes with one noted change and Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Evaluating Historic Timber Frames – Eliot Lothrop

Caitlin Corkins, Eliot Lothrop with Building Heritage, LLC, and Silas Treadway with Upstream Builders, engaged in a lengthy conversation with council members regarding the Historic Preservation Barn Grants. Discussion and visual examples focused on how the council determines which projects should be funded. Additional discussion points focused on



determinations of eligibility, what percentage of historic material needs to be retained to ensure sufficient integrity, and the preservation of different types of historic barns. Council members and guests agreed that having a comprehensive assessment, along with clear pictures of historic structural details, are critical to council members during the grant scoring process.

V. Review of Historic Preservation and Barn Grant Scoring Process

Caitlin Corkins informed council members that 48 Historic Preservation grant applications and 45 Barn Preservation grant applications were received. The council reviewed the procedures for receiving and reviewing the applications. The Historic Preservation grants will be reviewed at the December 20, 2017 and Barn Preservation grants will be reviewed at the February 2018 meeting.

VI. State Register of Historic Places

Westmore Community Church, 27 Hinton Hill Road, Westmore

Devin Colman presented the Westmore Community Church in Westmore. Division staff recommended that the property was eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. Council inquiry about the louvers in the belfry, which Mr. Colman advised would be removed to restore the church closer to its historic appearance. After review and discussion, Glenn Andres made a motion that the Westmore Community Church meets the State Register Criteria for Evaluation and therefore, should be designated to the State Register of Historic Places. Edward Clark seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. SHPO Report

Roadside Historic Markers – Rural Otter Creek Valley Multiple Resources Area, Wallingford

Laura Trieschmann presented the Roadside Historic Marker text and location information for the Rural Otter Creek Valley Multiple Resources in Wallingford. Council members requested some changes to the text, which will be revised in conjunction the applicant and presented at the December meeting.

Historic Property Stabilization and Rehabilitation Special Fund – Final Report

Laura Trieschmann presented a brief history of the origin of the fund and why it was not as successful as originally intended. She indicated that this would be the last update on this special fund as the program was terminated and all funds remaining recaptured by the legislature in June 2017. Ron Kilburn made a motion to approve the final report of the Historic Property Stabilization and Rehabilitation Special Fund and David Donath seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Other updates provided to council members were: the partnership between the Division and Buildings and General Services (BGS); State Historic Sites are closed for the season with an increase in attendance and sales over the past year; Act 250 fines that the Division has received and the resulting survey and documentation projects; and preparations for the upcoming legislative session regarding the Capital Construction Budget.

VIII. New Business

Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates:

- December 20, 2017
- January 18, 2018



- February 23, 2018
- March 22, 2018
- April 19, 2018

Announcements

Blaine Cliver relayed information about a transportation project in Brandon that initial plans show would significantly alter the historic character of Park Street, and sought feedback on how best to approach the situation with VTrans and the town.

IX Adjourned at 11:41 a.m.



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Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Ron Kilburn, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Edward Clark, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect
David Donath, Historian (arrived at 9:20)

**Historic Preservation
Staff Participants:** Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Caitlin Corkins, Tax Credits and Grants Coordinator
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

I. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

II. Public Comment

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

III. Review / Approve November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Edward Clark made a motion to approve the November 16, 2017, minutes with noted changes and Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Historic Roadside Markers

- **Ben's Mill, Barnet**

Laura Trieschmann presented the Roadside Historic Marker text and location information for the Ben's Mill in Barnet. Glenn Andres made a motion to approve the marker with noted edits, Ron Kilburn seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Pawlet Town Hall, Pawlet**

Laura Trieschmann presented the Roadside Historic Marker text and location information for the Pawlet Town Hall in Pawlet. Edward Clark made a motion to approve the marker with noted edits, Ron Kilburn seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- **West Street Cemetery/Gov. Israel Smith, Rutland**



Laura Trieschmann presented the Roadside Historic Marker text and location information for the West Street Cemetery/Gov. Israel Smith in Rutland. Paul Wyncoop made a motion to approve the marker with noted edits, Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Rural Otter Creek Valley Multiple Resource Area, Wallingford**

Laura Trieschmann presented the revised Roadside Historic Marker text for the Rural Otter Creek Valley Multiple Resource Area in Wallingford. Blaine Cliver made a motion to approve the marker with noted edits, Edward Clark seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

V. SHPO Report

Laura Trieschmann provided council members with information just received by VDHP that the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has suspended the programmatic agreement in place with the Federal Highway Administration and VTrans effective immediately. Discussion focused on next steps forward with this important partnership and optimism towards the development of a new programmatic agreement. Other updates included, current work on the Historic Preservation Fund application, the proposed federal tax bill and potential implications for the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, and a possible visit from John Sandor from the National Park Service.

VI. Historic Preservation Grant Application Review

Prior to the meeting, Caitlin Corkins supplied council members with electronic and hard-copy information for each of the applications to be considered for the 2018 Historic Preservation Grants. Forty-eight applications have been received for the 2018 grants, with each of the community resources reviewed for eligibility if not already designated. The total amount requested is \$681,522, generating \$2.5 million in project costs. The council has \$225,032 available to award. Council members viewed a power point presentation that summarized each application, after which they had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the various components of each project. After review and discussion of each application, sixteen applications out of forty-eight were selected for funding with five alternates. A complete list of the applications awarded will be put on the Division for Historic Preservations website once all applicants have been notified of the results. David Donath made a motion to fund the sixteen applications with the highest scores, identifying five alternates. Blaine Cliver seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

VII. New Business Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates:

- January 18, 2018
- February 23, 2018
- March 22, 2018
- April 19, 2018

Announcements

Edward Clark informed council members that the former Mendon Town Hall is currently up for sale for \$1.

Glenn Andres announced that the Grace Church in Forestdale has been sold and is now a woodworking shop.

VIII Adjourned at 3:05 p.m.