

From: [Mary O'Neil](#)
To: [Peebles, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: RE: State Register of Historic Places Determination of Eligibility Notification
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:40:40 AM
Attachments: [HPRC meeting minutes 12.10.2024.pdf](#)
[St.Paul.263.Title.pdf](#)
[St.Paul.263.pics.pdf](#)

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Good morning Elizabeth,

I took this matter to our Historic Preservation Review Committee; the representative body of our CLG in Burlington. I have attached the minutes from that meeting.

In short, the HPRC **does not support de-listing** the property; citing its commonality with other dwelling types in the immediate area of St. Paul Street that date from the mid 19th century.

I have also attached a Title review, clearly defining its date between 1853 and 1857. It appears on both the 1869 Beers Atlas Map and the 1877 Birds-Eye (Hopkins) map of Burlington; one of a pair of similarly sized dwellings. The north example is no longer extant.

The HPRC recognizes the unsympathetic alterations with vinyl siding over masonry and porch/window alterations; however supports its retention on the Vermont State Register due to the contextual relationship with similar dwellings in the area and retention of building massing, form, and association. They are particularly interested in understanding any planned redevelopment which would be reviewed under our specific standards for the treatment of historic structures (Section 5.4.8); and only if the building retains its historic designation.

I will likely attend the ACHP meeting in January.

Best regards,



From: Peebles, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Peebles@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 10:02 AM
Subject: State Register of Historic Places Determination of Eligibility Notification

[WARNING]: This email was sent from someone outside of the City of Burlington.

Hello,

At the request of the property owner the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation is re-evaluating the State Register of Historic Places listing of the building located at 263 Saint Paul Street, Burlington and whether or not the property meets the evaluation criteria for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. The final determination of eligibility will be made by the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (VACHP) at their meeting on January 23, 2025.

To ensure that their decision is based on the most current and available information, we are reaching out to ask if you have any pertinent information about the history and/or significance of this property. Attached is the 1977 survey form and new survey and determination of eligibility forms. Please submit any additional information for consideration by the VACHP to our office by January 8, 2025.

This is a public meeting, and you are welcome to attend and participate. The meeting agenda, which includes the time and location, will be posted on our website the Friday prior to the meeting date: <https://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/partners/advisory-council/agendas-and-minutes>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 802-505-1147 or elizabeth.peebles@vermont.gov.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth

CC:

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Emily Morse
Gabriel Stadecker
Richard Martin, Alternate
Ron Wanamaker, Alternate
Mary O'Neil, CLG Coordinator



**Minutes
Historic Preservation Review Committee
December 10, 2024
3:00 pm
645 Pine Street, Front Conference Room**

Present: Jay White, Emily Morse, Gabriel Stadecker, Alternates Ron Wanamaker and Richard Martin.

Staff present: Mary O'Neil, Garret King.

I. Request for CLG Grant Funding for Lost Shul Mural

Motion by Jay White: I move we support this important research project, and allow the CLG Grant application for the Lost Shul Mural Mapping Project.

2nd: Emily Morse

Vote 3-0.

Motion carries.

II. Request before the Vermont Advisory Council to de-list 263 St. Paul Street from the Vermont State Register of Historic Resources.

Motion by Jay White: Within our discussion, we find that 263 St. Paul Street is a residential type consistent with other similar buildings on St. Paul Street, and presents a pattern common to the mid-19th century in form, design, association, and (likely) materials. (Masonry under vinyl; stone foundation evident on northeast corner.) We find the staff comments made on the DOE form incorrect; dwelling dates to 1853-57 (see Title) and at least one turned porch post remains. Although we recognize unsympathetic alterations. **We see no reason to de-list this structure,** and would prefer to retain its listing where it would be reviewed under Section 5.4.8. of the Comprehensive Development Ordinance where redevelopment is proposed.

It is also noted that this was the home of Esther Sorrell, long-time Burlington Democratic Party leader who served five terms in the Vermont State Senate and for a period of time was the only female senator. 263 St. Paul Street had been the childhood home of her husband, Thomas W. Sorrell (whose mother was Irene Proulx Sorrell McGreevey).

2nd: Emily Morse

Vote 3-0. [Acclamation by all HPRC members]

Motion carries.

263 St. Paul Street – Title (Burlington Land Records)

Grantor	Grantee	Date	Volume/Page	Price	Detail
Philip Racicot	Robert Rich	Nov. 7, 1985	324:634		
Executor's Deed (Raymond Foss)	Philip Racicot	October 19, 1984	313:15		
Thomas & Esther Sorrell	Catherine Foos	May 24, 1963	164:441		
Francis Proulx, Admin of Estate Of Mary Ellen Proulx	Thomas & Esther Sorrell	September 27, 1947	127:384	\$6,000	
Harold Stevens	Philius Proulx Mary E. Proulx		76:53		
Lucius A. Bostwick	Harold (Herald) Stevens	August 17, 1905	52:485		"These premises have never been used by me as a homestead"
George Y. Bliss, executor of Charlotte Carlin	Lucius Bostwick		46:142		
John Delaney	Charlotte Carlin	September 3, 1889	29:263		
John Gordon (?)	John Delaney	October 9, 1867	3(City):300		
James Morse Myron Morse Seth Morse	John Jordon	January 15, 1853	23(Town):490	\$700	"A certain piece of land" Myron Morse's home lot and garden immediately south, on the "westerly side of Shelburn St." Mortgage \$471 (1.15.1853) Discharged (January 1858)



263 ST. PAUL STREET

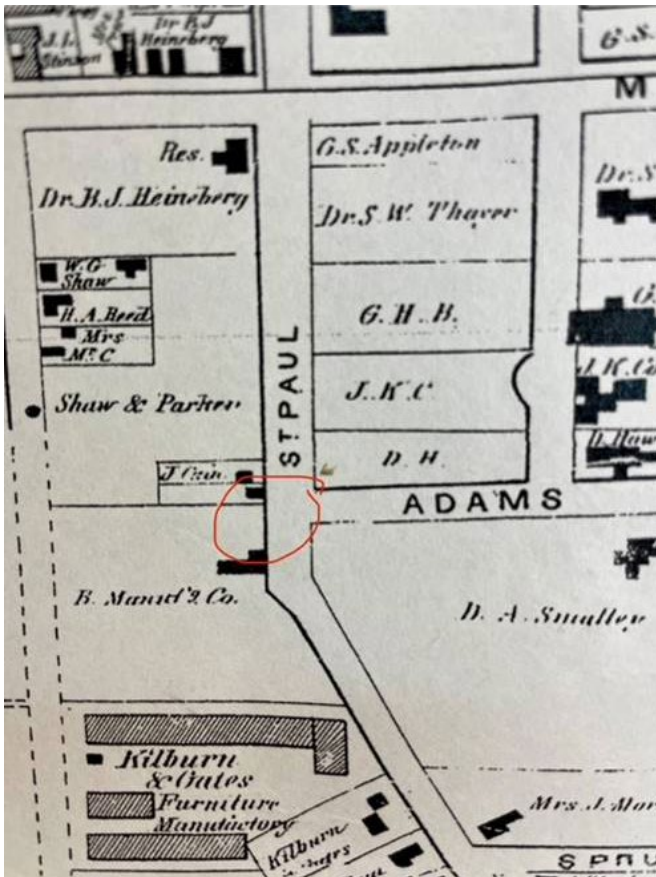




From: [Mary O'Neil](#)
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I forgot to attach map information: From the 1869 Beers Atlas Map



And from the 1877 Birds Eye (Hopkins) Map:



279 St. Paul Street is evident just south of this pair.

263 St. Paul was the home of Esther and Thomas Sorrell 1947-1963. Perhaps their son, Bill Sorrell still has family photos.



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