

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

FROM: Elizabeth Peebles, State Architectural Historian

RE: Brookline Stone Arch Culvert on Hill Road over Cutler Brook  
Request for Listing in the State Register of Historic Places

DATE: September 22, 2025

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation has been asked to evaluate whether the property referenced above meets the criteria for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. This request was made by Alyssa Schmidt on behalf of a group of community members interested in the preservation of the resource. The Town of Brookline is the owner of the property.

The Brookline Stone Arch Culvert is a segmental arch stone and concrete culvert constructed in 3 sections. The earliest section is c.1901 and is attributed to the work of James Otis Follett and is located near the Follett Stone Arch Bridge Historic District in Townshend. A detailed description of the history and significance of the culvert is presented in the Vermont Stone Culvert Inventory (VSCI) survey form prepared by Alyssa Schmidt with assistance from other community members and Brian Post of Standing Stone LLC.

Based on the information provided in the Vermont Stone Culvert Inventory, the Division has made a preliminary determination that the Brookline Stone Arch Culvert is historically significant, retains historic integrity, and therefore is eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. We are requesting that the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation make a formal determination of eligibility and list the property in the State Register of Historic Places.

