



State of Vermont
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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DRAFT Minutes
Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
October 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meetings / Cambridge Christian Fellowship Church

Council Participants: Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member
Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member (arrived 10:12am)
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member
Paul Carnahan, Historian

Absent Council Members: Ann Vivian, Architect
David Skinas, Archaeologist

Staff Participants: Laura V. Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Lindsay Pacheco, Administrative Services Coordinator
Elizabeth Peebles, State Architectural Historian
Jess Robinson, State Archaeologist

Public Participants: Pastor Kris Davis, Cambridge Christian Fellowship Church
Nancy Dulude, President of Isle La Motte Historical Society
Barbara Callahan, Isle La Motte Historical Society
Scott Newman, Consultant
Steven Engelhart, Consultant
Georgeana Little, Cambridge CLG Coordinator
Cambridge Village Homeowner

Meeting was recorded.
Edward Clark opened the meeting at 10:03am.

- I. Welcome**
- II. Changes to the Agenda**
No changes to the agenda
- III. Public Comment**
No public comment.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. September 25, 2025



Britta Tonn made a motion to approve September 25, 2025 minutes. Paul Carnahan seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0; All in favor

Mr. Luneau: Yes
Mr. Skinas: Absent
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Absent
Mr. Wyncoop: Absent
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes

V. Roadside Historic Marker

a. [Isle La Motte Stone Schoolhouse, Isle La Motte](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Isle La Motte Stone Schoolhouse Roadside Marker Application, written and researched by Isle La Motte Historical Society. The marker meets Criterion 3 as a site that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values.

Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve the Isle La Motte Stone Schoolhouse Roadside Historic Site Marker application; Joe Luneau seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0; All in favor

Mr. Luneau: Yes
Mr. Skinas: Absent
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Absent
Mr. Wyncoop: Absent
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes

b. [Calvin Coolidge, Plymouth](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Calvin Coolidge Roadside Historic Marker Application to replace the existing marker from 1958. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; Criterion 2 as a site associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; and Criterion 3 as a site that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values.

Joe Luneau made a motion to approve the Calvin Coolidge Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; Paul Wyncoop seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0; All in favor

Mr. Luneau: Yes



Mr. Skinas: Absent
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Absent
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes

VI. State Register of Historic Places

a. [Stone Arch Culvert, Brookline, Windham](#)

Elizabeth Peebles presented the Stone Arch Culvert nomination in Brookline for consideration for individual listing in the State Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination initiated by neighbors and community members, and approved by the Town Selectboard. It is researched and written by Alyssa Schmidt with the assistance of community members and masonry consultant Brian Post.

Period of significance is 1901, recommending listing under Criteria C, with Engineering and Transportation as areas of significance.

Paul Wyncoop made a motion that the Stone Arch Culvert nomination in Brookline meets the State Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination. Britta Tonn seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0; All in favor

Mr. Luneau: Yes
Mr. Skinas: Absent
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Absent
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes

VII. National Register of Historic Places

a. [Ward 5 School, Barre, Washington County](#)

Elizabeth Peebles presented the Ward 5 School nomination in Barre for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination initiated by the property owners, Granite City Apartment Limited Partnership. It was researched and prepared by Scott Newman of 106 Associates.

Period of significance is 1901-1960, recommending listing under Criteria A and C, with Architecture and Education as areas of significance. Listing under the *Educational Resources of Vermont, "Multiple Classroom School"* Multiple Property Documentation Form.

Paul Carnahan made a motion that the Ward 5 School nomination in Barre meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends that the State



Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination. Joe Luneau seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0; All in favor

Mr. Luneau: Yes
Mr. Skinas: Absent
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Absent
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes

b. [Cambridge Village Historic District, Cambridge, Lamoille County](#)

Elizabeth Peebles presented the Cambridge Village Historic District nomination in Cambridge for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination initiated by the Historic Preservation Commission with a Certified Local Government grant, researched and written by Steven Engelhart and Jenny Fulton.

Period of significance is 1802-1970, recommended listing under Criteria A and C, with Architecture, Agriculture, and Community Planning and Development as areas of significance.

Britta Tonn made a motion that the Cambridge Village Historic District nomination in Cambridge meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination. Ed Clark seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0; All in favor

Mr. Luneau: Yes
Mr. Skinas: Absent
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Absent
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes

VIII. SHPO Report

- a. Federal FY26 began on October 1, 2025, as well as the federal government shutdown. The Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits program is still running. The National Park Service is not accepting National Register nominations at this time, all current nominations are queued up for once the government is reopened.
- b. State of Vermont employees will be returning to three in office days starting December 1, 2025. The Department of Housing and Community Development is



currently in office in Montpelier on Mondays and Wednesdays, and a third day will be chosen by each division.

- c. Four of the state historic sites have closed for the year, only Coolidge and Bennington remain open. The Bennington Monument elevator is still not in operation. In Spring 2026 there will be community outreach for the Monument, sharing cumulative data and possible solutions with the public.
- d. SHPO submitted a budget adjustment in the Capital Bill for additional funding for the Roadside Historic Marker Program. SHPO is also working on the transfer of ownership of the Chester Arthur Church in Fairfield to a local congregation that has been using the building for the past two years. This will be included in the Capital Bill, requiring approval from the legislature, governor, and execution by the commissioner of Building and General Services.
- e. Historic Preservation Grant deadline was October 6; 31 applications total were received. Barn Grant applications are due on December 1.
- f. The next Downtown & Historic Preservation Conference is tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2026 in St. Albans. The 2026 Creative Sector Convening will be held the day after, also in St. Albans.
- g. The Architectural Historian Consultant Training was October 17, and the Archaeological Consultant Training was September 26. Both trainings occurred at the Vermont History Center in Barre and were attended by over 100 consultants combined. Attendance at the trainings are a requirement for listing on the State qualified consultant list, and held annually for all consultants to attend.
- h. The Executive Order addressing housing was announced a few weeks ago. The Department of Housing and Community Development staff are reviewing the executive order and what it will require from our division. For the Division for Historic Preservation, the order does require a detailed list of all owned properties to determine its compatibility for housing and prioritizing consultation under Act 250 for housing projects.
- i. The State of Vermont Historic Preservation Plan for 2023-2029 has been printed. The plan contains an overview of our programming and what our preservation goals are moving forward, as well as how communities can get involved. These are free and available to the public; they are also available online.

IX. New Business

- a. 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - i. November 20, 2025
 - ii. December 18, 2025 (Historic Preservation Grant Review)
- b. 2026 Meeting Schedule
 - i. January 22, 2026
 - ii. February 26, 2026 (Barn Preservation Grant Review)
 - iii. March 26, 2026 (Annual Meeting)
 - iv. April 23, 2026 (Certified Local Government Grant Review)
 - v. May 28, 2026
 - vi. June 4, 2026 (Downtown & HP Conference)
 - vii. July 30, 2026
 - viii. September 24, 2026



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- ix. October 22, 2026
 - x. November 19, 2026
 - xi. December 17, 2026 (Historic Preservation Grant Review)

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.