



State of Vermont
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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DRAFT Minutes
Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
November 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Meetings

Council Participants: Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member
Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian
Paul Carnahan, Historian
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member (arrived 9:15am)
David Skinas, Archaeologist
Ann Vivian, Architect

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

Public Participants: Polly Allen, Consultant
Elisabeth Brown, Brown's River Covered Bridge
Caroline Brown, President of Westford Historical Society

Meeting was recorded.
Edward Clark opened the meeting at 9:04am.

I. Welcome

II. Changes to the Agenda
No changes to the agenda

III. Public Comment
No public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. [October 23, 2025](#)

Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve October 23, 2025 minutes. Britta Tonn seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0; All in favor

Mr. Luneau: Absent
Mr. Skinas: Abstain
Ms. Tonn: Yes



Ms. Vivian: Yes
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes

V. Roadside Historic Marker

a. [Old White Meeting House, South Hero](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Old White Meeting House Roadside Marker, put forth by the South Hero Historical Society. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history, 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.

Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve the Old White Meeting House Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; Paul Wyncoop seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7-0; All in favor

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

VI. State Register of Historic Places

a. [Brown's River Covered Bridge, Westford](#)

Elizabeth Peebles presented the Brown's River Covered Bridge nomination in Westford for consideration for individual listing in the State Register of Historic Places. It is researched and written by Elisabeth Brown, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation Summer Architectural Historian Intern.

Period of significance is 1838, recommending listing under Criterion C, with Engineering and Transportation as areas of significance.

Ann Vivian made a motion that the Brown's River Covered Bridge nomination in Westford meets the State Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination. David Skinas seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7-0; All in favor

Mr. Luneau: Yes
Mr. Skinas: Yes
Ms. Tonn: Yes



Ms. Vivian: Yes
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes

VII. Vermont Ski Industry Multiple Property Documentation Draft

Polly Allen presented the Multiple Property Documentation Draft for the Vermont Ski Industry, which was developed under contract from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation between 2022-2025. Vermont's Ski Industry is one of the most dominant themes of development across the state through the 20th century. The story of skiing in Vermont has been heavily researched and documented by historians and ski enthusiasts alike. This documentation shall be used by consultants and the Division for Historic Preservation but not submitted officially to the National Register of Historic Places, as an individual nomination is required for review and approval. Once a property has been identified that fits the criteria, it will be presented to the Advisory Council.

VIII. SHPO Report

- a. There are no current updates on the FY26 Historic Preservation Fund.
- b. Congress has been having exploratory hearings on the Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act. To coincide with the hearings, various SHPOs have been leading educational elements for Congress members and providing testimony.
- c. The Joint Fiscal Office has approved the acceptance of a donation to repair the foundation of the Theron Boyd House, as well as Congressionally Directed Spending for the continued monitoring and archaeology of the Bennington Monument.
- d. Contracting is underway for maintenance of the Old Constitution House, Calvin Coolidge Homestead, and Justin Morrill Homestead.
- e. SHPO submitted a budget adjustment for an additional \$20,000 in funds for the Roadside Marker Program. The proposed funds will come from the Unmarked Burial Funds, which would still have \$60,000 after the proposed fund transfer for markers.

IX. New Business

- a. 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - i. 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
 - ix. October 22, 2026



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

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.