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State of Vermont  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
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**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**  
**May 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Microsoft Teams Meetings

**Council Participants:** Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member (left 10:59am)  
David Skinas, Archaeologist  
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian (left 10:33am)  
Paul Carnahan, Historian  
Ann Vivian, Architect  
Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member

**Absent Council Participants:** Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member

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

**Other Participants:** Judith Ehrlich, VTrans  
Nancy Dulude, Isle La Motte Historical Society  
Barbara Callahan, Isle La Motte Historical Society  
Andrew Whipple, Isle La Motte Historical Society  
Martin Langeveld, Friends of Vernon Center  
Mary Elder Jacobsen, North Calais Memorial Hall Association  
Kristina von Trapp, von Trapp Family Lodge  
John Devino, Colchester Historical Society

Meeting was recorded.  
Ed Clark opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Changes to the Agenda**  
No changes to the agenda.
- III. **Public Comment**  
No public comment.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. [March 20, 2025](#)



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Ann Vivian made a motion to approve March 20, 2025 minutes. Paul Carnahan seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote**

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

**V. Roadside Historic Site Markers**

a. [Ann Story, Salisbury](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Ann Story roadside marker application submitted by the Vermont 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission. The marker meets Criterion 2 as a site associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

David Skinas and Britta Tonn requested additional information to be added regarding Ann Story's support of the Green Mountain Boys. The revised marker will be presented at a future ACHP meeting.

b. [Burying Yard Point, Isle La Motte](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Burying Yard Point roadside marker application submitted by the Isle La Motte Historical Society. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; and Criterion 2 as a site associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

Paul Wyncoop made a motion to approve the Burying Yard Point Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; Britta Tonn seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote**

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

c. [Chamberlin Ferry Crossing, Newbury](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Chamberlin Ferry Crossing roadside marker application submitted by the Oxbow Chapter Daughter of the American Revolution. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.



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Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve the Chamberlin Ferry Crossing Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; Ann Vivian seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote**

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

d. [Governor Hunt House, Vernon](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Governor Hunt House roadside marker application submitted by the Friends of Vernon Center, Inc. The marker meets 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.

David Skinas made a motion to approve the Governor Hunt House Roadside Historic Site Marker application; Britta Tonn seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote**

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

e. [Italian Garden Farms, Colchester](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Italian Garden Farms roadside marker application submitted by the Colchester Historical Society. The marker meets Criterion 2 as a site associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

Ann Vivian made a motion to approve the Italian Garden Farms Roadside Historic Site Marker application; Britta Tonn seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote**

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



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Mr. Wyncoop: Yes  
Mr. Carnahan: Yes  
Mr. Clark: Yes

f. [GAR Memorial Hall, Calais](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the GAR Memorial Hall roadside marker application submitted by Colby Tuller from the American Battlefield Trust and Mary Elder Jacobsen from North Calais Memorial Hall Association. The marker meets 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.

Ed Clark made a motion to approve the GAR Memorial Hall Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; Paul Wyncoop seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0; Roll call vote**

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

g. [von Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the von Trapp Family Lodge roadside marker application submitted by the von Trapp Family. The marker meets 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.

Paul Wyncoop made a motion to approve the von Trapp Family Lodge Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; Ann Vivian seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0; Roll call vote**

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



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h. [Lucy Terry Prince, Sunderland](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Lucy Terry Prince roadside marker application submitted by Jeffrey Dexter. The marker meets Criterion 2 as a site associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

Ann Vivian made a motion to approve the Lucy Terry Prince Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; David Skinas seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4-0; Roll call vote**

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

i. [Green Mountain Boys, Shoreham](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Green Mountain Boys roadside marker application submitted by the Shoreham Historical Society. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; and Criterion 2 as a site associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve the Green Mountain Boys Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; Ann Vivian seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4-0; Roll call vote**

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

**VI. VTrans 22VSA Project Presentation**

Judith Ehrlich presented on behalf of VTrans for the proposed removal of the Ralston Purin Feed Store and the temporary mothballing of the Cary Maple Sugar Co. Building in East Fairfield, VT. The Ralston Building is in poor condition and has recently been hit by a car.. As mitigation, VTrans proposes a Historic Resource Documentation Package for the Ralston Building.

Ed Clark made a motion to accept the proposed mitigation for the removal of the Ralston Building as presented, and request that the mothballing of Cary Maple Sugar Co. Building be done in accordance with National Park Service Preservation Brief 31: Mothballing



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Historic Buildings, as part of mitigation. David Skinas seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4-0; Roll call vote**

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

**VII. SHPO Report**

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the SHPO report.

- a. Capital Bill Updates
  - i. Capital Bill is now at the Governors' Office for review. As of now, the bill will give \$550k for major maintenance of historic sites, \$46k to underwater preserves, and roadside markers was added back in at \$25k. Increasing interest in roadside markers may prompt the need to propose an increase in funding next year. Money that had been allocated to BGS for Bennington Monument has been relocated to VDHP for us to ensure fencing is safe around the monument, and to start working on design and planning restoration. Historic Preservation grants and Barn Preservation grants have been level-funded at \$300k.
- b. Historic Preservation Fund
  - i. The Historic Preservation Fund has been zeroed out in the President's current budget for FFY26, for SHPOs, THPOs, and all community based grants that run through the HP Fund. The administration is holding FFY25 money, even though it has been approved by congress.
- c. State Historic Sites
  - i. State Historic Sites opens this weekend, Bennington opened last weekend. Over 200 people visited Bennington, compared to last year's opening weekend of 68 visitors.
  - ii. Director of State Historic Sites position is still not filled but hoping to make an offer this week.
  - iii. Old Constitution House received flood certificate yesterday, which stated that the building was only 6 inches above flood level but needs to be 3 feet. Elevation is not a viable option, but SHPO will work with engineers to figure out alternative solutions. Have also contracted to have dendrochronology done at OCH.
- d. Mitigation Updates
  - i. Just closed out mitigation with FRA and Build, which involved the replacement of 29 bridges that took place before any Section 106 review. Included NY SHPO and Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe. THPO has been awarded \$135k from VTrans, VT SHPO office was given \$90k specifically to upgrade our Online Resource Center (ORC). Mitigation also includes



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mandatory Section 106 training for VTrans. Regular meetings with VTrans, SHPO and THPO are also required.

- ii. Windmill Point mitigation funds received from the Coast Guard. SHPO given \$15k that will be used towards archaeology at the site.
- e. Other Updates
  - i. VDHP hosted a Flood Adaptation Training last week, which was supported by FEMA and NPS. Training included an overview of guidelines, which the authors presented via recorded sessions and in person exercises. More than 70 people attended, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.
  - ii. Winooski is Vermont's 21<sup>st</sup> Certified Local Government! The official letter from NPS was received this week.

### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Meeting Schedule 2025
  - i. June 19, 2025 (National Register Review)
  - ii. July 24, 2025 (National Register Review)
  - iii. No August Meeting
  - iv. September 25, 2025 (National Register Review)
  - v. October 23, 2025
  - vi. November 20, 2025
  - vii. December 18, 2025 (Historic Preservation Grant Review)

### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.