



State of Vermont
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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DRAFT Minutes
Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
June 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Meetings

Council Participants: Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member (arrived 9:59am)
David Skinas, Archaeologist
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian
Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member

Absent Council Participants: Paul Carnahan, Historian
Ann Vivian, Architect

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

Other Participants: Brian Knight, Hartgen Archaeological Associates
Thomas Hughes, Ann Story Marker
Matt Osborn, Hartford Historic Preservation Commission
Andrew Whipple, Isle La Motte Historical Society
Robin Anthony Kouyate, Clemmons Family Farm
Catharine Noel, Clemmons Family Farm

Meeting was recorded.
Ed Clark opened the meeting at 9:03 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. [May 22, 2025](#)



David Skinas made a motion to approve May 22, 2025 minutes. Britta Tonn seconded the motion.

Motion approved 3-0; Roll call vote

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

V. Roadside Historic Site Markers

a. [Ann Story, Salisbury](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Ann Story roadside marker application, following the requested changes of the Advisory Council at the May 2025 meeting.. The marker meets Criterion 2 as a site associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

Britta Tonn made a motion to approve the Version A of the Ann Story Roadside Historic Site Marker with minor editing, including using the first sentence of Version B; Joe Luneau seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0; Roll call vote

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

VI. National Register of Historic Places

a. Demers Avenue Historic District, Hartford, Windsor County

Elizabeth Peebles presented Demers Avenue Historic District in Hartford for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination initiated by the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission, researched and written by Brian Knight.

Period of significance is 1937-1938, recommending listing under Criteria A and C, with Architecture and Community Planning and Development as areas of significance. Britta Tonn requested that an additional statement be made regarding the presence of a rustic architecture in a suburban context.

Britta Tonn made a motion that the nomination for Demers Avenue Historic District in Hartford meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends



the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination with edits as discussed; David Skinas seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0; Roll call vote

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

- b. Victory Circle-Highland Park Historic District, Hartford, Windsor County
Elizabeth Peebles presented Victory Circle-Highland Park Historic District in Hartford for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination initiated by the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission, researched and written by Brian Knight.

Period of significance is 1919-1923, recommending listing under Criteria A and C, with Architecture and Community Planning and Development as areas of significance. Britta Tonn requested edits be made to consistently refer to American Four-Square as a plan not a style.

David Skinas made a motion that the nomination for Victory Circle-Highland Park Historic District in Hartford meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination with edits as discussed; Joe Luneau seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0; Roll call vote

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

- c. Clemmons Farm, Charlotte, Chittenden County
Elizabeth Peebles presented Clemmons Farm in Charlotte for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination funded by Congressionally Directed Spending through the Save America's Treasure Grant. The nomination was researched and written by Britta Tonn and Jenny Fulton from VHB.



Period of significance is 1800-1942, recommending listing under Criteria A and C, with Architecture and Agriculture as areas of significance and listing under the *Agricultural Resources of Vermont* MPDF.

Joe Luneau made a motion that the nomination for Clemmons Farm in Charlotte meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination; Paul Wyncoop seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0; Roll call vote

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

VII. SHPO Report

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the SHPO report.

- a. VDHP has hired two temporary seasonal interns. Elisabeth Brown is working directly with Elizabeth Peebles as the architectural historian intern. Gabby Puryear-Lynch is taking previous research for the Chester Arthur site to design a new exhibit.
- b. Joshua Bell has been hired as the new Director of State Historic Sites, and will be starting on Monday, June 30.
- c. Historic Preservation Fund still has no funding. FY25 funding was approved by Congress, however the funding is held up at the Office of Management and Budget and may not be allocated to SHPOs, THPOs, and grants. Several SHPO offices have had to lay off more than half their staff due to this, however the VT office has enough funding to last through 2025. The Congressional bill for FY26 does not include any funding.
- d. The Department of Interior has released applications for emergency supplemental funding that was approved in December 2024. VDHP has applied for funding for a project review flood coordinator, which would focus solely on projects that were affected by flooding. Funding would also be used to implement a flood app of the flood recovery/mitigation process designed for Vermont by the Association for Preservation Technologies. VDHP also applied for funds to mitigate the foundation deterioration at the Theron Boyd House. Awards will be determined by the end of the year.
- e. VDHP received \$500,000 from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous for repairs to the Theron Boyd House. This will be used to aid with repairs and mitigation due to flooding and foundation deterioration.
- f. Congressionally directed spending funds were received for design work necessary for the restoration at the Bennington Monument. The \$500,000 will focus on



safety, design work, and archaeology on Monument Circle.

VIII. Old Business

- a. The existing Governor Hunt House marker that was placed by the town of Vernon is being removed, so the new Roadside Marker will be the only one at the house now.

IX. New Business

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

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.