



State of Vermont

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

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Draft Minutes

Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

May 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meetings

Council Participants: Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member
Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member *left at 11:05am*
David Skinas, Archaeologist
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian
Ann Vivian, Architect *left at 11:10am*
Paul Carnahan, Historian

Absent Council Participants: Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member

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

Public Participants: Grace Paquette, Cornerstone Solutions, LLC.
Polly Allen, Historic Preservation Consultant
Dorothea Penar, Battle of Shelburne Marker Applicant

Meeting was recorded.

Edward Clark opened the meeting at 9:02am.

I. Welcome

II. Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

a. [April 23, 2026](#)

Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve the April 23, 2026, minutes.

Britta Tonn seconded the motion.



Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote

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

V. DHCD General Counsel

- a. Max Krieger, general counsel for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), presented on the state code of ethics, conflict of interest policy, and open meeting law.

VI. National Register of Historic Places

- a. [Sacred Heart School](#), City of Newport, Orleans County
Elizabeth Peebles presented the Sacred Heart School nomination in Newport City for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination initiated by the property owner, researched and prepared by Polly Allen. Nomination was prepared in associated with a RITC Tax Credit project.

Period of significance is 1952 to 1966, recommending listing under Criteria A and C, with Architecture and Education as areas of significance. Criteria Consideration A: Religious.

Paul Wyncoop made a motion that Sacred Heart School in Newport City meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination with the additional area of significance of ethnic heritage for French-Canadians. Ann Vivian seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote

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



b. Hudson House, St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County

Elizabeth Peebles presented the Hudson House nomination in St. Johnsbury for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination initiated by the property owner, researched and prepared by Polly Allen. Nomination was prepared in association with a RITC Tax Credit project.

Period of significance is 1893 to 1900, recommending listing under Criteria C, with Architecture as the area of significance.

Paul Carnahan made a motion that the Hudson House in St. Johnsbury meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination. Paul Wyncoop seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote

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

VII. Roadside Historic Site Markers

a. Moses Robinson, Bennington

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Moses Robinson Roadside Marker application submitted by Judge Robert A. Mello of the Vermont State Supreme Court. 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 Moses Robinson Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor edits. Ann Vivian seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote

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



Ms. Vivan: Yes

Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

b. Guilford's Town Pound, Guilford

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Guilford's Town Pound Roadside Marker application submitted by Robert A. Tobin. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

David Skinas made a motion to approve the Guilford's Town Pound Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor edits; Paul Carnahan seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote

Mr. Carnahan: Yes

Mr. Clark: Yes

Mr. Luneau: Absent

Mr. Skinas: Yes

Ms. Tonn: Yes

Ms. Vivan: Yes

Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

c. Battle of Shelburne, Shelburne

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Battle of Shelburne Roadside Marker application submitted by the Shelburne Historical Society, the Town of Shelburne, and the Vermont 250th Commission. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

Ann Vivian made a motion to approve the Battle of Shelburne Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor edits. Britta Tonn seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote

Mr. Carnahan: Yes

Mr. Clark: Yes

Mr. Luneau: Absent

Mr. Skinas: Yes

Ms. Tonn: Yes

Ms. Vivan: Yes

Mr. Wyncoop: Yes



d. Eureka Schoolhouse and Baltimore Bridge, Springfield

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the revised Eureka Schoolhouse and Baltimore Bridge Roadside Marker application submitted by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. 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 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 Eureka Schoolhouse and Baltimore Bridge Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor edits; Ann Vivian seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote

Mr. Carnahan: Yes

Mr. Clark: Yes

Mr. Luneau: Absent

Mr. Skinas: Yes

Ms. Tonn: Yes

Ms. Vivan: Yes

Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

e. Industry at the Falls, Vergennes

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Industry at the Falls Roadside Marker application submitted by Cornerstone Solutions, LLC as part of mitigation for an Act 250 project. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve the Industry at the Falls Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor edits; Paul Wyncoop seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote

Mr. Carnahan: Yes

Mr. Clark: Yes

Mr. Luneau: Absent

Mr. Skinas: Yes

Ms. Tonn: Yes

Ms. Vivan: Yes



Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

f. Vail Field, Woodstock

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Vail Field Roadside Marker application submitted by the Woodstock History Center, Woodstock Area Youth Baseball and Sports, and Society of American Baseball Research. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

Ann Vivian made a motion to approve the Vail Field Roadside Historic Site Marker application; David Skinas seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0; Roll call vote

Mr. Carnahan: Yes

Mr. Clark: Yes

Mr. Luneau: Absent

Mr. Skinas: Yes

Ms. Tonn: Yes

Ms. Vivan: Yes

Mr. Wyncoop: Absent

VIII. SHPO Report

a. Historic Preservation Fund Annual Report FY23-25

- i. Fiscal Year 2026 funding was recently released. Vermont SHPO will be level funded at \$693,085 with match at \$462,057 from state. The HP Fund requires the allocation of \$69,308 or 10% of funding to the Certified Local Government Program, but SHPO traditionally provides 12% to ensure the requirement is made; this will be about \$72,000.

ii. 2025 Success Stories

- Ward 5 School in Barre was adapted into nine permanently affordable apartments through the assistance of federal tax credits. Part of the project included a National Register nomination.
- Braintree Hill Meetinghouse had their slate roof repaired through the assistance of a Paul Bruhn Revitalization Grant, which was reviewed by our Project Review Team. Funding also included a VDHP Historic Preservation Grant.



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- Fort Cassin Boat Launch Improvement in Ferrisburgh was reviewed by the Project Review Team as part of an Army Corps of Engineers permit, which resulted in a Phase III Archaeological Data Recovery.
 - b. The Cultural and Historical Archaeological/Architectural Management Program ([CHAMP](#)) officially went live on May 1, 2026. CHAMP replaces the standard project review form with an online submittal and is the main hub for all project review activity.
 - c. Capital Construction Bill Update
Historic Preservation and Barn Grants will remain level funded at \$300,000; underwater preserves fund is at \$46,000; the Roadside Historic Marker Program has a one-time increase to \$45,000; Vermont 250th Commission will receive \$50,000; major maintenance will get an additional \$200,000 in the budget, bringing it to \$700,000.

The state-owned building at 110 State Street in Montpelier is proposed for sale, which will require an easement with the Division for Historic Preservation. This will be brought to the Advisory Council for review once a sale is pending or the language for the easement is prepared by Building and General Services.
 - d. Bennington Battle Monument Community Meetings Update
Total of 150 people have attended either the virtual or in person community meetings regarding the Bennington Monument. Response has been overwhelmingly in support of full restoration of the Monument. A public input survey is live, which will be collecting feedback through the summer. A virtual summary presentation will take place on October 6, 2026, to go over the public meetings and survey feedback.

IX. New Business

- a. Announcements
 - i. All State Historic Sites will open May 22 for the 2026 season. The open sites this year are Bennington Monument (with no elevator yet), President Chester Arthur, President Calvin Coolidge, Mount Independence, Hubbardton Battlefield, and Chimney Point. Old Constitution House and Justin Morrill are closed due to construction.



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- ii. Two awards will be presented at the upcoming Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference on June 4. The Lifetime Preservation Award is being given to Eric Gilbertson. The SHPO Preservation Excellence Award will go to the East Craftsbury John Woodruff Simpson Memorial Library.
 - iii. Staff will be meeting with partners at the Federal Highway Administration and VTrans to discuss end-of-year reporting as well as amendments to the programmatic agreement. The CDBG-HUD programmatic agreement will be revised for renewal in collaboration with Vermont Community Development Program; it is due to expire this year.
 - iv. VDHP has contracted for several archaeology investigations this summer, including Windmill Point, Bennington Battle Monument, Isle La Motte Burying Grounds, and the former site of the Brattleboro Hospital.
 - v. The Save Americas Treasures and 250th Grants were just announced by the National Park Service and will be due in June.
- b. Meeting Schedule 2026
- i. No June Meeting (Downtown & Historic Preservation Conference)
 - ii. July 30, 2026
 - iii. No August Meeting
 - iv. September 24, 2026
 - v. October 22, 2026
 - vi. November 19, 2026
 - vii. December 17, 2026 (Historic Preservation Grant Review)

The meeting adjourned at 11:08am.