



State of Vermont
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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FINAL MINUTES
Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
March 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Meetings

Council Participants: Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member
Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member
David Skinas, Archaeologist (arrived 9:19—log on issues)
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member
Paul Carnahan, Historian
Ann Vivian, Architect

Staff Participants: Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Greg Socinski, Historic Resource Specialist
Elizabeth Peebles, Historic Resource Specialist
Yvonne Benney Basque, Historic Resource Specialist
Jess Robinson, State Archaeologist
Laura V. Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer

Other Participants: Nick Wark, VTrans
Emily Baker, VTrans
Brennan Gauthier, VTrans
Chris Slesar, VTrans
Kyle Obenauer, VTrans
Scott Newman, 106 Associates

Meeting was not recorded.
Mr. Clark opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Changes to the Agenda**
 - a. No changes to the agenda
- III. **Public Comment**
 - a. No public comment
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. [January 18, 2024](#)



Motion to approve the January 18, 2024, minutes made by Joe Luneau; Paul Wyncoop seconded the motion.

i. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Roll call vote
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes
Mr. Luneau: Yes
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Yes
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

b. [February 22, 2024](#)

i. [Link to Barn Preservation Grant Awardees Summaries](#)

Motion to approve the February 22, 2024, minutes made by Paul Carnahan; Ann Vivian seconded the motion. Request to include the list of grant awardees made and summaries added to approved minutes.

ii. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Roll call vote
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes
Mr. Luneau: Yes
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Yes
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

V. Annual Meeting

a. Election of Chair

i. Britta Tonn made a motion to elect Ed Clark as chair; Paul Wyncoop seconded the motion.

ii. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Roll call vote
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes
Mr. Luneau: Yes
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Yes
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

b. Election of Vice Chair

i. Ann Vivian made a motion to elect Paul Wyncoop as vice chair; Joe Luneau seconded the motion.

ii. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Roll call vote
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes
Mr. Luneau: Yes



Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Yes
Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

- c. State Historic Preservation Officer serves as secretary

VI. Federal Highway Administration and VTrans

- a. [Annual Reporting](#)
- b. [FHWA/VTrans/SHPO Programmatic Agreement](#)

Chris Slesar presented the annual report to the Commission. Kyle Obenauer spoke about the adverse effect determination and decision not to reuse the Pony Truss bridge in Ludlow. Closed in 2007 to vehicular traffic, the bridge shall be documented and salvaged; every attempt was made to rehabilitate the structure, but it was determined not to be the best alternative. The town requested a pedestrian bridge, which was subsequently constructed.

David Skinas inquired why the requested information has not been included in the annual report and will communicate offline with Chris Slesar regarding the requested information. The programmatic agreement can be updated to specify this additional information to be reported annually or VTrans could supply without official change to the document.

VII. State Register of Historic Places – Determination of Eligibility

- a. [Battell Hall, Middlebury College, 63 Chateau Road, Middlebury, Addison County](#)

Devin Colman presented Battell Hall at Middlebury College for consideration for listing in the State Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the Middlebury College Campus Historic District, listed in the State Register of Historic Places in 1992. Scott Newman of 106 Associates was the professional consultant. The resource was considered under Criteria A for Education and Criteria C for architecture, with a period of significance from 1950 to 1974; the campus has a period of significance from 1800 to 1974.

- i. Britta Tonn made a motion that Battell Hall meets the State Register Criteria for Evaluation and should be classified as a contributing resource within a Middlebury College Campus Historic District; Joe Luneau seconded the motion.
- ii. **Motion passed 7-0.**
Roll call vote
Mr. Carnahan: Yes
Mr. Clark: Yes
Mr. Luneau: Yes
Mr. Skinas: Yes
Ms. Tonn: Yes
Ms. Vivian: Yes



Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

VIII. Roadside Historic Site Markers

a. The Vermont Country Store, Weston

Laura Trieschmann presented The Vermont Country Store roadside marker application submitted by the Orton Family. The marker meets Criteria 1 as a site marking unique, exemplary, or important surviving physical evidence of Vermont's past; and Criteria 2 as a building or site associated with significant individual or group or business.

The first two sentences of the proposed text were combined with minor editing.

i. Ann Vivian made a motion to approve The Vermont Country Store Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; David Skinas seconded the motion.

ii. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Roll call vote

Mr. Carnahan: Yes

Mr. Clark: Yes

Mr. Luneau: Yes

Mr. Skinas: Yes

Ms. Tonn: Yes

Ms. Vivian: Yes

Mr. Wyncoop: Yes

IX. SHPO Report

Laura Trieschmann presented the SHPO report

a. Historic Preservation Fund Annual Report FY22-23

i. Success Stories

1. Paul Wyncoop requested an introduction to reporting in future.

2. Paul Wyncoop inquired if CLG pass-through can be raised.

b. Congressional Directed Spending Funding FY24

i. Funding awarded to the Bennington Battle Monument (\$500,00 for ongoing measures to study and document the deteriorating conditions)

ii. Ask for funding for the President Calvin Coolidge library not funded (\$163,000 to upgrade archival equipment)

c. Legislative Updates

i. Discussions in House Corrections and Institutions Committee regarding a state board to review proposals to name state-owned buildings under the jurisdiction of Building and General Services.

ii. Capital Construction Budget includes an additional \$200,000 for Historic Sites Major Maintenance. Budget expected out of committee this week.

d. Staffing

i. Administrative Coordinator position filled. Lindsay Pacheco will be joining the team on April 1, 2024.

e. Flood Mitigation



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- i. As part of the flood mitigation for Vermont, the Department of the Interior and FEMA are supporting three days of training by the National Park Service authorities on the newly published Flood Adaptation Guidelines for Historic Buildings. The training is planned for May 2024 in northern, central, and southern Vermont.

X. New Business

- a. Announcements
 - i. Commission requested in person meeting for May, July, or September; suggestion of meeting at one of the state historic sites affected by flooding.
- b. Meeting Schedule 2024
 - i. April 18 – National Register
 - ii. May 23 – National Register
 - iii. June 5 – Historic Preservation and Downtown Conference, Bellows Falls
 - iv. July 18 – National Register
 - v. August – No meeting
 - vi. September 19
 - vii. October 24 – National Register
 - viii. November 21
 - ix. December 19 – Historic Preservation Grant Review and Awards

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.