

State of Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation1 National Life Drive, Davis Building, Floor 6 Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation May 23, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Meetings

Council Participants: Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member

David Skinas, Archaeologist

Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian

Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member (left 10:43 a.m.)

Paul Carnahan, Historian Ann Vivian, Architect

Council Not Participating: Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member

Staff Participants: Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian

Laura V. Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer

Maxwell Krieger, General Counsel

Lindsay Pacheco, Administrative Services Coordinator

Other Participants: Nicole Gratton, Centre Covered Bridge, Lyndon

Brian Knight, Centre Covered Bridge, Lyndon

Meeting was not recorded.

Mr. Clark opened the meeting at 10:01 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. April 18, 2024

Motion to approve the April 18, 2024 made by Ed Clark; Paul Carnahan seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0. Roll call vote

Mr. Carnahan: Yes Mr. Clark: Yes



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

Mr. Wyncoop: Absent

V. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Discussion

Max Krieger gave a presentation to the council discussing the basics of conflicts of interest, public records, and open meeting law.

VI. National Register of Historic Places

a. Centre Covered Bridge, Lyndon

Devin Colman presented Centre Covered Bridge, also known as Sanborn Covered Bridge, in Lyndon for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is an amendment to an existing nomination from 1974, which was recognized at the state level. Nicole Bratton from the town and consultant Brian Knight joined to answer additional questions. This request comes from the Preservation Trust of Vermont due to a Paul Bruhn Revitalization Grant.

Period of significance is 1869 to 1960, recommending listing under Criteria A, B, and C, with Transportation and Engineering as Areas of Significance. Britta Tonn requested an aerial map be included in the nomination to show where the original bridge was located and then moved.

Joe Luneau made a motion that the Centre Covered Bridge in Lyndon meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve and forward the nomination; Paul Carnahan seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0; Roll call vote

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

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

VII. Roadside Historic Site Markers

a. Long Trail Lodge, Rutland

Laura V. Trieschmann presented Long Trail Lodge roadside marker application submitted by the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site marking unique, exemplary, or important surviving physical evidence of Vermont's past.



Britta Tonn made a motion to approve the Long Trail Lodge Roadside Historic Site Marker application; Ann Vivian seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0; Roll call vote

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

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

b. Seth Warner, Bennington

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Seth Warner roadside marker application submitted by the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with significant individual or group or business. A location in Bennington is still under consideration.

David Skinas made a motion to approve the Seth Warner Roadside Historic Marker application; Paul Carnahan seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0; Roll call vote

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

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

c. The Old Mill, Burlington

Laura V. Trieschmann presented The Old Mill roadside marker application submitted by Dr. and Mrs. Habberfield, owners of the mill. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site marking unique, exemplary, or important surviving physical evidence of Vermont's past; and Criterion 3 as an exemplary example of a specific period of construction or architectural expression.

Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve The Old Mill 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: Yes Ms. Vivian: Yes

Mr. Wyncoop: Absent



Mr. Carnahan: Yes Mr. Clark: Yes

d. <u>Udney Hay, Underhill</u>

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the Udney Hay roadside marker application submitted by Roger Frey of the Underhill Historical Society. The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site associated with significant individual or group or business.

Britta Tonn made a motion to approve the Udney Hay Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; David Skinas seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0; Roll call vote

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

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

VIII. SHPO Report

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the SHPO report.

- Formally introduced the council to Lindsay Pacheco, the new Administrative Services Coordinator for VDHP.
- Continuing to meet with FEMA to discuss submitting applications for Old Constitution House, Justin Morrill, and Theron Boyd, which were all impacted by the July 2023 flooding. Old Constitution House is in flood zones.
- Submitted application for Historic Preservation Fund Grant on May 20, Vermont gets \$693,000. Yet to have approvals completed for FY22 and FY23, afterwards there will be review of application for FY24. Money expected to be available in June 2024.
- Vermont State Historic Sites open May 24. Chester Arthur is open this year, and has visits scheduled during the week. All members of the council get free admission to the Sites.
- Legislative session is now, except for the veto session on June 17. Governor is processing several bills, and agency is conducting bill reviews. The Capital Bill includes a statement that VDHP will convene a naming study committee. Right now, the authority to name remains with the legislature.
- All funding requests through Capital Bill remain level funded and intact with an increase of \$200,000 to major maintenance. Offered to return \$12,000 that remained from work that took place on Monument Road, but so far it seems that we can keep the money.
- State Historic Sites Chief Victoria Sample had her last day on May 22.
- State Architectural Historian Devin Colman announced that he will be leaving VDHP this summer, as he has accepted a position as Director of the UVM



Graduate Program in Historic Preservation. His last Advisory Council meeting will be July 18.

IX. New Business

- a. Announcements
- b. Meeting Schedule 2024
 - i. June 5 Historic Preservation and Downtown Conference, Bellows Falls
 - ii. July 18 National Register
 - iii. August No meeting
 - iv. September 19
 - v. October 24
 - vi. November 21
 - vii. December 19 Historic Preservation Grant Review and Awards

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.