



State of Vermont  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
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**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**  
**July 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Microsoft Teams Meetings

**Council Participants:** Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member  
David Skinas, Archaeologist  
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian  
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member  
Paul Carnahan, Historian  
Ann Vivian, Architect

**Council Not Participating:** Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member

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

**Other Participants:** Leslie Askwith, Prosper Hill Ski Lodge  
Paul Piastro, Prosper Hill Ski Lodge  
Stephen & Nancy Ludlam  
Ruth and Michele, East Dorset Village Historic District  
Jill Tofferi, Library Director at Fletcher Memorial Library  
Jackson Evans, Braintree Historical Society  
Polly Allen, Fletcher Memorial Library

Meeting was recorded.  
Paul Wyncoop opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

**I. Welcome**

**II. Changes to the Agenda**

Maple Corner Nomination will not be covered today, Devin still needs to send notification letter to owners and nomination will be presented at September meeting.

**III. Public Comment**

No public comment

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

a. [May 23, 2024](#)



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Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve May 23, 2024 minutes. David Skinas seconded the motion.

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

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

**V. [State Register of Historic Places](#)**

a. East Dorset Village Historic District

Devin Colman presented East Dorset Village Historic District for consideration for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination, supported by East Dorset Historical Society.

Period of significance is 1770 to 1920, recommending listing under Criteria A and C with Community Planning and Development and Architecture as Areas of Significance.

Paul Carnahan asked why district would be nominated for State Register as opposed to National Register. Devin Colman responded that it's up to the community and the individuals/organizations that are putting the nomination forward. National Register nominations are much more involved and detailed, often needing a professional consultant, and the process is overall longer. State Register is more straight forward, and therefore accessible to community members. Potentially, State Register nominations can roll into the National Register process.

Paul Carnahan made a motion that the East Dorset Village Historic District meets the State Register Criteria for Evaluation and to list it in the State Register of Historic Places, Britta Tonn seconded the motion.

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

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

**VI. [National Register of Historic Places](#)**

a. New Haven Junction Depot, New Haven, Addison County



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Devin Colman presented New Haven Junction Depot in New Haven for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is an amendment to an existing nomination from 1978 compiled by Devin Colman to document continued significance and integrity after the relocation of the building in 2022.

Period of significance is 1868, recommending listing under Criteria C remains, with Architecture as an Area of Significance. Criteria A has been removed due to the relocation.

Ann Vivian made a motion that the amendment to the New Haven Junction Depot registration form meets the National Register program requirements and recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the amendment; 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: Yes  
Mr. Carnahan: Yes  
Mr. Clark: Absent

- b. Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main Street, Ludlow, Windsor County  
Devin Colman presented Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination funded by the Preservation Trust of Vermont as part of a Paul Bruhn Grant. The nomination was researched and written by Polly Allen.

Period of significance is 1901 to 1964, recommending listing under Criteria A and C, with Education and Architecture as areas of significance.

David Skinas made a motion that the nomination for the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination; Joe Luneau seconded the motion.

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

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



- c. Braintree Hill Meetinghouse & Cemetery, 2756 Braintree Hill Road, Braintree, Orange County  
Devin Colman presented the Braintree Hill Meetinghouse & Cemetery for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination funded by the Preservation Trust of Vermont as part of a Paul Gruhn Grant. The nomination was researched and written by Polly Allen.

Period of significance is 1802 to 1969, recommending listing under Criteria A, C, and Criteria Consideration A for religious institutions. Social History, Religion, Politics/Government, Community Planning & Development, and Architecture are all Areas of Significance. David Skinas added that due to the Parsonage cellar hole located in the back of the cemetery, this nomination should also include Criteria D, which would enhance the nomination.

David Skinas made a motion that the Braintree Hill Meetinghouse & Cemetery in Braintree meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation under criteria A, C, and D, and recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination; Paul Carnahan seconded motion.

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

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

**VII. Roadside Historic Site Markers**

a. [Prosper Ski Hill Lodge](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented Prosper Ski Hill Lodge roadside marker application submitted by family member Leslie Piastro Askwith and the Woodstock History Center. 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 Prosper Ski Hill Lodge Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor editing; Britta Tonn seconded the motion.

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

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



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

## **VIII. SHPO Report**

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the SHPO report.

- Staffing updates: Elizabeth Peebles is expecting a baby and will be out through January starting next month. DHP has been granted a temporary employee during this time, offered to Polly Allen, who has accepted and will be starting early August. For the limited service position held by Greg Socinski, Laura has requested to extend through December 2025 and is pushing to make this position permanent. For the Historic Sites Section Chief position, Laura has requested a name change to "Director of State Historic Sites." Will post job again at the end of August, early September. Devin Colman will be leaving in August, but with everyone else going on, his job, State Architectural Historian, will not be posted until Fall.
- Two markers were dedicated in Burlington recently. The DAR marker in honor of the American Revolution 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is being dedicated next month at Bennington Battle Monument.
- Flood update: worst of damage has been in Lyndon. Old Labor Hall in Barre had 2 inches of water in basement. All other National Historic Landmarks are fine. Sanborn Covered Bridge in Lyndon was very damaged, and likely will have to be taken off the river for restoration and elevation. It was an existing project with state, federal, and local money but now as a declared emergency things are moving faster. Due to storm, it now has a distinct curve and has shifted on its abutment. Schoolhouse Covered Bridge was also damaged, debris got underneath it and tore off walkway. Only 10 arts, culture, and historical facilities reported damage online. Most of them were washed out driveways, however an art studio was completely destroyed.
- FEMA Buyouts: DHP office is concerned about the number of buyouts happening, have processed 62 buildings in past year alone. Worried that once these buyouts occur more and more in Waterbury, we will lose many significant architectural structures. Adapted river in Waterbury improved flooding in some areas, while causing more damage in others.
- Flood Adaptation Training with FEMA and NPS went very well – about 80 people attended in total. Many people have been reaching out, especially since most recent flooding.

## **IX. Old Business**

- a. Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference Recap  
Paul Wyncoop discussed DHP Conference in Bellows Falls, was well attended and saw many ACHP members. Walking tours had been cultivated through the CLG grants they've been awarded over the years. Next month Laura is presenting Rockingham Preservation with a preservation award on behalf of the state.

## **X. New Business**



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- a. Announcements
  - b. Meeting Schedule 2024
    - i. August – No meeting
    - ii. September 19
      - 1. Potentially have in person at a historic building or site.
    - iii. October 24 – National Register
    - iv. November 21
    - v. December 19 – Historic Preservation Grant Review and Awards

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.