



State of Vermont  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
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**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**  
**September 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Chimney Point State Historic Site  
Microsoft Teams Meetings

**Council Participants:** Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member  
David Skinas, Archaeologist  
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian \*arrived 10:10am  
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member \*left at 11:45am  
Paul Carnahan, Historian  
Ann Vivian, Architect  
Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member

**Staff Participants:** Laura V. Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer  
Lindsay Pacheco, Administrative Services Coordinator  
Jess Robinson, State Archaeologist

**Other Participants:** Libby Parent, Bag Balm  
Meghan Eaton, UVM student observer

Meeting was recorded.  
Edward Clark opened the meeting at 10:07am.

**I. Welcome**

**II. Changes to the Agenda**

Order of agenda changed; Jess Robinson presented after National Register nomination review.

**III. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

a. [July 18, 2024](#)

Paul Carnahan made a motion to approve July 18, 2024 minutes. David Skinas seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Luneau: Yes

Mr. Skinas: Yes



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

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

**a. Maple Corner Historic District, Calais, Washington County**

Laura V. Trieschmann presented Maple Corner Historic District for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a new nomination funded by Town of Calais and the Certified Local Government Program, researched by Brian Knight.

Period of significance is ca. 1830 to 1974, recommending listing under Criteria A and C, with Architecture and Community Planning and Development as areas of significance.

Eight objections have been received thus far out of the sixteen property owners who were required to be notified of the nomination.

Britta Tonn commented that the only photos presented of Curtis Pond Dam and Maple Corner Dam are in the winter, and the nomination needs non-winter photos to better see the actual dams. She also added that the Curtis Pond Dam is undergoing major rehabilitation, documented in 2023 by UVM CAP in preparation, and would like to know if it will still be eligible and contributing after the current reconstruction.

David Skinas recommended that Criterion D should be added for the grist mill and blacksmith shop within the boundary. He would also like to see if mill foundations are still existing and make sure they are well documented prior to the pending construction.

Britta also added that the period of significance does not need to extend to 1974, which is the 50-year mark. Nothing notable has happened since the Lamphere House was constructed in 1964, which feels like a good bookend for the period.

Laura V. Trieschmann explained that due to the community objections, as well as feeling that the nomination is not ready – it may be best to table the nomination until it is revised. She also suggested a public meeting with the community to clear up misunderstandings regarding the National Register nomination.

Advisory Council unanimously agreed to table nomination, pending further documentation and more community outreach. There was no formal motion.

**VI. Presentation: "Recent Research into Floodplain Archaeology in Vermont" by Jess Robinson**



State Archaeologist Jess Robinson presented on the archaeological history of Vermont, and the most important archaeological sites in Vermont and their artifacts. Dr. Robinson showcased the various dig sites throughout Vermont, their findings, and how the floodplain has been influenced by natural occurrences and its inhabitants.

## VII. Roadside Historic Site Markers

### a. [Bag Balm, Lyndonville](#)

Laura V. Trieschmann presented Bag Balm roadside marker application submitted by Libby Parent from Vermont's Original LLC (Bag Balm). The marker meets Criterion 1 as a site marking unique, exemplary, or important surviving physical evidence of Vermont's past.

Ann Vivian made a motion to approve the Bag Balm Roadside Historic Site Marker application with minor edits to alternative text; Paul Wyncoop seconded the motion.

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

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

## VIII. SHPO Report

Laura V. Trieschmann presented the SHPO report.

- Elizabeth Peebles has been appointed to the position of State Architectural Historian, formerly held by Devin Colman. She will return from parental leave in early December and Laura will be covering the position until then.
- Elizabeth's previous position as Historic Resources Specialist – Architectural Historian is posted and will close the week of September 23. Polly Allen is filling in temporarily until January.
- Director of State Historic Sites (previously titled Historic Sites Chief) position closed on Wednesday, September 18. Eleven applications were received.
- State budgets due October 13. Asking for level funding in Capital Bill, which will include Roadside Markers, Underwater Preserves, and State Historic Sites Major Maintenance. Shall be requesting an additional \$100,000 for the Barn & Historic Preservation Grants. Unmarked burial fund remains static and healthy with close to \$100,000 (might be \$80,000).
- State Historic Sites will begin closing for the season in a few weeks. Morrill will close on October 14 and remain closed for a year while undergoing extensive flood mitigation construction.
- Federal fiscal year ends this month, so all financial draws and easement visits will have to be completed. The project review team is averaging 2000 projects a year.



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- Working on updating several Programmatic Agreements that are set to expire, including USFW, FEMA, and NRCS. Also updating an MOA with DEC.
  - Close to 100 home FEMA buyouts have occurred since July 2023, about 130 families involved in these buyouts.

## **IX. Old Business**

Laura V Trieschmann provided update of nominations that have been accepted and officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Eight sites have been listed since March 2024.

## **X. New Business**

- a. Announcements
  - i. Jess Robinson reminded council that September has been Archaeology Month. There was no big series of events this year, but there will be a lecture on October 16 at UVM with Amazonian archaeologist Dr. Stephen Rostain.
- b. Meeting Schedule 2024
  - i. October 24
  - ii. November 21
  - iii. December 19 – Historic Preservation Grant Review and Awards

## **XI. Adjournment**

- a. Lunch (provided for ACHP members and staff)
- b. Tour of Chimney Point State Historic Site

The meeting adjourned at 12:33pm.