



State of Vermont
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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Approved April 21, 2021 Meeting
Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
March 24, 2022
9:00 a.m. –11:55 a.m.
GoTo Virtual Meeting

- Council Participants:** Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member
Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member
David Skinas, Archaeologist
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian
Ann Vivian, Architect
- Council Absent:** David Donath, Historian
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member
- Staff Participants:** Laura Trieschmann, SHPO
Devin Colman, State Historical Architect
Cynthia Davis, Administrative Coordinator
Yvonne Benny Basque, Historic Resource Specialist
Elizabeth Peebles, Preservation Specialist
Jess Robinson, State Archeologist
Scott Dillon, Senior Historic Preservation Review Coordinator
- Guests:** Lynn and Peter Locher, Hectorville Covered Bridge Marker Applicants
Brennan Gauthier, VTrans
Liz Shipley, FHWA
Chris Slesar, VTrans
Judith Ehrlich, VTrans
Kyle Obenauer, VTrans
Jen Russell, VTrans
Rick Zamore, Guilford Grange Hall Marker Applicant

Mr. Clark opened the meeting at 9:04 am.
The meeting was not recorded.

- I Welcome**
- II Changes to the Agenda**
 - No changes to the agenda
- III Public Comment**
 - No public comment
- IV Review / Approve February 24, 2022, Meeting Minutes**



Mr. Wyncoop made a motion to accept the minutes; motion was seconded by Mr. Skinas

Motion passed 5-0

Rollcall vote

Ms. Vivian: yes

Mr. Wyncoop: yes

Mr. Skinas: yes

Ms. Tonn: yes

Mr. Clark: yes

V Annual Meeting Elections

Ms. Vivian made a motion to elect Mr. Clark as chair and Mr. Wyncoop as co-chair; Ms. Tonn seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

Rollcall vote

Ms. Vivian: yes

Mr. Wyncoop: yes

Mr. Skinas: yes

Ms. Tonn: yes

Mr. Clark: yes

VI Federal Highway Administration and Agency of Transportation Annual Presentation

Chris Slesar, VTrans Environmental Resources Coordinator, introduced Elizabeth Shipley, the new FHWA Environmental and Right of Way Program Manager. Mr. Slesar presented the annual report per the conditions of the programmatic agreement, asking for questions and feedback from the Council. Mr. Skinas suggested expanding information regarding archaeology in the annual report and noted difficulty in finding the final archaeology reports listed in the bibliography and presumed to be available for public review. Ms. Trieschmann noted the suggestions for the annual reporting can be included in the review for the 2023 programmatic agreement and that all final documentation received by SHPO is added to the Online Resource Center as soon as possible, noting the submittal of archaeology reports is often delayed by the consultants. Overall, the programmatic agreement as executed in the summer of 2021 has been working well for FHWA, VTrans, and SHPO.

VII Bylaw Amendment Adoption

Council members discussed Bylaws. Mr. Skinas noted in part 2, section 3, (3) the word “shall” needs to be added. Ms. Tonn recommended clarification of part 3 by including state register delisting by the Council and final removal from National Register at the discretion of the National Park Service.

Mr. Skinas made a motion to approve the bylaws as amended and corrected in the meeting; Mr. Wyncoop seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

Rollcall vote

Ms. Vivian: yes



Mr. Wyncoop: yes
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Clark: yes

VIII State Deaccession of 9 and 14-16 Baldwin Street, Montpelier

Ms. Trieschmann, on behalf of BGS, presented a review of the deaccession/selling of 9 and 14-16 Baldwin Street in Montpelier. BGS has completed studies on state-owned offices and these two former houses do not meet the current needs. VDHP is requesting exterior easements on the buildings.

Ms. Tonn made a motion to consent to the deaccession and request for exterior easements placed on the properties at 9 and 14-16, Baldwin Street, Montpelier; Mr. Skinas seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

Rollcall vote
Ms. Vivian: yes
Mr. Wyncoop: yes
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Clark: yes

IX. Roadside Historic Site Markers

- Broad Brook Grange, Guilford
 - Applicant: Broad Brook Community Center. Ms. Trieschmann presented the text and history of the Broad Brook Grange marker under criteria 1 and 3 for its history and architecture. Mr. Colman noted James M. Peebles was the builder, not the architect; the marker text was corrected.
 - Mr. Zamore, applicant, Broad Brook Community Center, spoke in support of the marker.
 - Mr. Wyncoop made a motion to accept the marker as noted; Ms. Vivian seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

Rollcall vote
Ms. Vivian: yes
Mr. Wyncoop: yes
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Clark: yes

- Ralph Waldo Ellison, Author of *Invisible Man*, Fayston
 - Applicant: Rabbi Michael Cohen. Ms. Trieschmann presented the text and history of Ralph Waldo Ellison, *Author of Invisible Man* under criteria 1 and 2 for events/places and person. The selectboard shall be notified. The property owners have reviewed and approved text. The location of the marker has not yet been determined.



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- Ms. Vivian made a motion to accept the marker as noted; Ms. Tonn seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5-0
Rollcall vote
Ms. Vivian: yes
Mr. Wyncoop: yes
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Clark: yes

 - Hectorville Covered Bridge, Montgomery Village
 - Applicant: Lynn and Peter Locher, property owners. Ms. Trieschmann presented the text and history of the Hectorville Covered Bridge marker under criteria 1 and 3 for event/place and architecture/construction. Mr. Robinson was provided with the documentation to assign a Vermont Archeology Inventory number.
 - Lynn and Peter Locher spoke in support of the marker.
 - Mr. Skinas made a motion to accept the marker as noted; Ms. Vivian seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5-0
Rollcall vote
Ms. Vivian: yes
Mr. Wyncoop: yes
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Clark: yes

 - South Academy, Bakersfield
 - Applicant: Board of Bakersfield Historical Society. Ms. Trieschmann presented the text and history of the South Academy marker under criteria 1 and 3 for history and architecture. The word “local” was added to emphasize the efforts of the Association for the Promotion of Education in Bakersfield.
 - Mr. Wyncoop made a motion to accept the marker as noted; Ms. Tonn seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5-0
Rollcall vote
Ms. Vivian: yes
Mr. Wyncoop: yes
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Clark: yes

X Certified Local Government Round 2 Grants

- Mr. Colman presented the second round of Certified Local Government Grants.



- SHPO requested a motion from the Advisory Council to award funding to the following CLG communities for 2022 CLG Round II grant projects:

Cambridge Village	\$3,000.00
MRVPD	\$5,340.00
Montpelier/PTV-conference	\$10,000.00
Rockingham-Graveyard	\$4,470.00
Rockingham-Windows	\$3,000.00
St. Albans City	\$6,000.00

Total	\$31,810.00

- Mr. Wyncoop made a motion to approve the request for the CLG grant projects totaling \$31,810.00, with approval to make minor adjustments based on the actual FFY22 Historic Preservation Fund allocation; Mr. Skinas seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

Rollcall vote

Ms. Vivian: yes

Mr. Wyncoop: yes

Mr. Skinas: yes

Ms. Tonn: yes

Mr. Clark: yes

XI Vermont Archaeological Landmark Designation

- Jess Robinson, State Archeologist, presented information regarding the forthcoming State Archaeological Landmark designation of State-owned properties near the terminus of Monument Road in Highgate. Those areas, designated archaeological site VT-FR-0008 in the Vermont Archaeological Inventory, contain sacred remains and likely correspond to the location of a Missisquoi Abenaki village and potentially an early Colonial-era Jesuit mission. After the completion of a large bank stabilization project at the site, VDHP made the decision to designate the area a State Archaeological Landmark to acknowledge its importance, formally indicate its continued stewardship of the site, and to provide guidance (in the form of signage) about appropriate and restricted activities in those areas. VDHP requested approval from the Advisory Council to enact the designation.
- Mr. Skinas made a motion to endorse the state landmark designation; Mr. Wyncoop seconded the motion.
Rollcall vote
Ms. Vivian: yes
Mr. Wyncoop: yes
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Clark: yes



XII SHPO Report

- Ms. Trieschmann presented the documentation related to the federally required reporting for the Historic Preservation Fund, which supported 60% of the work of SHPO. With the extension of CLG pass-thru grants to three years, which is helpful for communities, reporting now extends over three years (FFY19, 20, and 21). The allocation for FFY22 has not yet been appropriated by Congress.
- She announced the hiring of interns for the summer of 2022: two for roadside historic site markers, one to study the works of architect W.R.B. Willcox, one to study land grants related to Senator Morrill's Land Grant Colleges, and one to assist with processing archaeological documentation at the Archaeology Heritage Center
- She announced ongoing consultation with the supervisory staff of the National Park Service's Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit program that is experiencing growing pains with a new reviewer. Several Part 2 reviews with extensive conditions are expected to be rescinded following a re-evaluation by the National Park Service, with their staff visiting for training and site visits on May 23-24.
- She reminded everyone that William "Bill" Jenney is retiring at the end of the month after 34 years at the State Historic Sites. A new site administrator is expected to start in May and will be invited to meet with Council.

XIII New Business

- Meeting Schedule
 - April 21, 2022 (National Register review)
 - May 19, 2022
 - June Preservation Conference (St. Johnsbury)
 - July 21, 2022 (National Register review)
 - September 22, 2022
 - October 20, 2022 (National Register review)
 - November 17, 2022
 - December 15, 2022 (Historic Preservation grants)
- Announcements
None

XIV Adjourn at 11:55 am

- Ms. Tonn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wyncoop seconded the motion.