



State of Vermont
Advisory Council for Historic Preservation
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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
December 17, 2015
Justin Morrill Conference Room
Montpelier, Vermont**

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian

Absent: David Donath, Historian

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant
Caitlin Corkins, State Grants Administrator

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:08 am in the Justin Morrill conference room in Montpelier, Vermont.

I. Changes to the Agenda

John Vetter inquired if changes needed to be made to the agenda based on recent information sent to council members. Jenni Lavoie advised that the only topic needing a vote had been added to the agenda under item IV.

John asked if Dale Azaria could be in attendance at the January 2016 meeting to field questions on a recent memo sent to council members. Jenni Lavoie will schedule with Dale.

II. Public Comment

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

III. Review and Approval of October 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes

John Vetter noted a few small changes of the draft October 22 minutes. Barbara George made a motion to approve the October 22, 2015 minutes and Blaine Cliver seconded. The motion carried 6-0.



IV. Stabilization Fund

Laura Trieschmann provided council members an update on the status of the stabilization fund and of a recent meeting with the Commissioner of BGS regarding the fund. Laura proposed that all but two buildings, Fuller Farmhouse and Bishops Cabin be removed from the list. Also in the proposal is the intent to reduce the fund from \$100,000 to \$50,000, and raze both buildings remaining on the list by 2017 when the fund will sunset. Barbara George moved that “The Council has reviewed the draft 2015 Annual Report to the General Assembly on the Historic Property Stabilization & Rehabilitation Special Fund and concurs with the proposed activities for 2016 & 2017”. Glenn Andres seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

State Plan

Laura advised the council that the state plan is currently being reviewed at the National Park Service. The Division anticipates feedback from the National Park Service by February. Discussion followed as to the various groups who will receive the plan and potential educational and outreach uses.

V. Historic Preservation Grant Applications

Prior to the meeting, Caitlin Corkins supplied council members with electronic and hard copy information for each of the fifty-six applications to be considered for the 2016 Historic Preservation Grants for their review. The council has \$200,000 available funding to award out of the \$890,000 in application requests. Council members viewed a power point presentation that summarized each application, after which they had an opportunity to ask Caitlin questions and discuss the various components of each project.

Lunch

VI. Historic Preservation Grant Applications – Continued

After review and discussion of each application, twelve applications out of fifty-six were selected for funding with four alternates. A complete list of the applications awarded will be put on the Division for Historic Preservations website once all applicants have been notified of the results. Blaine Cliver moved that all the project buildings selected are listed or are eligible for listing in the National Register. Helen Whyte seconded. The motion carried 6-0. Glenn Andres moved to fund the twelve applications with four alternates. Helen Whyte seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1.

VII. New Business

John Vetter advised meeting dates had been selected for January and February, but a date was needed for the March meeting - Thursday, March 17, 2016 was selected.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 2:32 p.m.