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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
December 20, 2016
Calvin Coolidge Conference Room
Montpelier, Vermont

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

Absent: David Donath, Historian

Historic Preservation

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

Guests: Judith Ehrlich, VTrans, Historic Preservation Officer

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:03am.

I. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda. Laura Trieschmann noted that she will provide the council with Division updates during lunch.

II. Public Comment

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

III. Review and Approval of October 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Glenn Andres made a motion to approve the October 19, 2016, minutes and Barbara George seconded; no changes noted. Motion carried 6-0

IV. VTrans – Proposed Demolition, Hardwick Section House

Judith Ehrlich with VTrans joined the meeting to present the Hardwick Section House project in Hardwick. VTrans sought support under 22 VSA from the council on the proposed demolition of



the Hardwick Section House due to severe deterioration. After review and discussion regarding the significance and physical integrity of the Section House, Blaine Cliver made a motion to accept the recommendation by VTrans for demolition, Glenn Andres seconded the motion. Council members expressed their interest in the retention of the remaining three section houses in Vermont.

V. Historic Preservation Grant Applications

Prior to the meeting, Caitlin Corkins supplied council members with electronic and hard-copy information for each of the forty-eight applications to be considered for the 2017 Historic Preservation Grants. Forty-eight applications have been received for the 2017 grants, with each of the community resources reviewed for eligibility if not already designated. The total amount requested is \$702,420, generating \$1.8 million in project costs. The council has \$195,779 available to award. Council members viewed a power point presentation that summarized each application, after which they had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the various components of each project.

Lunch

Laura Trieschmann joined the meeting to provide council members with Division updates and solicit comment on potential initiatives.

Currently, Laura is compiling numbers and information to complete the Historic Preservation Fund grant end-of-year reporting. She noted that the project review team continues to increase the number of projects reviewed annually, specifically due to solar projects. This year, we have listed four properties on the National Register and delisted three properties. Fourteen roadside historic markers were approved and installed.

Additionally, Laura presented the idea of a roadside historic marker working group. The proposal was submitted to Laura by the applicants of two recent marker projects. The group would be charged with compiling, researching, and suggesting historic marker topics to the Division. Council members engaged in discussion about the various duties with which the working group could potentially be tasked. The Council showed support of the working group, especially if it relieved staff of research and text-writing burdens.

Finally, Laura discussed that the Division will be creating procedures that outline the outreach and documentation necessary when considering a property for removal from the National Register of Historic Places.

VI. Historic Preservation Grant Applications – Continued

After review and discussion of each application, fifteen applications out of forty-eight 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 not already listed are eligible for listing in the National Register. Ron Kilburn seconded. The motion carried 6-0. Blaine Cliver made a motion to fund the fifteen applications with the highest scores, identifying four alternates. Ron Kilburn seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

VII. New Business

Meeting Schedule

The following meeting dates were selected.
Thursday, February 23, 2017, in Montpelier



Thursday, March 23, 2017, in Montpelier

Announcements

No announcements.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.