



State of Vermont
Advisory Council for Historic Preservation
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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
January 21, 2016
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
Dale Azaria, General Counsel
Scott Dillon, Survey Archaeologist
Tracy Martin, Historic Site Section Chief
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian

Guests: Bianca Stone, Ruth Stone Foundation
Ben Pease, Ruth Stone Foundation

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:10 am in the Justin Morrill conference room in Montpelier, Vermont.

I. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

II. Public Comment

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

III. Review and Approval of December 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Barbara George moved to approve the December 17, 2015 with minor corrections, Ron Kilburn seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Council members engaged in a brief conversation regarding the historic preservation grant projects. The conversation focused on the number of applications received against the amount of projects funded. The topic will be added to a future meeting agenda to be discussed in greater detail.



IV. Archaeology Follow Up

Dale Azaria and Scott Dillon joined council members to discuss a memo circulated by Dale concerning the council's role in ACT 250 proceedings that involve archaeology discussed at the October 22, 2015 meeting. Conversation focused on the wording and meaning of determinations of eligibility, specifically as it pertains to archaeological historic resources. Council members encouraged having clear language to help deter any confusion. Dale agreed to revise the wording in her memo and will revisit the discussion at a future meeting.

V. Historic Roadside Markers

Council members reviewed text and location information for four proposed historic markers; Achsa Sprague, Roxbury Fish Culture Station, Fred Nicklewhite and the First Unitarian Universalist Society. Blaine Cliver moved to approve the intent and wording for the four markers, Helen Whyte seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

VI. SHPO Report

End of Year Reporting - Laura Trieschmann explained the process of collecting the required information for the reporting and associated challenges. The report has been filed with the National Park Service and she is initiating means to collect and streamline the information and process going forward. Special mention was made regarding the project review team, who reviewed and commented on 2,487 projects in 2015.

Laura also provided an update on the historic preservation resource room. Now that the scanning project has been completed, the room will be vacated by March. The paper documents will be stored for a minimum of five years.

Additionally, Laura advised that the park service has not reviewed the submitted state plan as of yet, but have stated they will review and comment by the end of the month.

Finally, Laura advised that the council will have forty-eight barn grant applications to review and consider for awarding in the February meeting.

VII. State Historic Sites Update

Tracy Martin joined the meeting to formally introduce herself and provide an overview of the historic sites program. She presented a slideshow with pictures and summary of each historic site, upcoming exhibits and challenges associated with the operation and maintenance of these sites.

VIII. National Register of Historic Places

Proposed Nomination, Ruth Stone House, Goshen – The council reviewed the National Register nomination for the Ruth Stone House in Goshen. Council members engaged in conversation with Bianca Stone, granddaughter of Ruth Stone and Ben Pease both from the Ruth Stone Foundation, who were in attendance. The council recommended including information about the chapel located on the property and landscape in the nomination. Following study and discussion of the materials submitted for review, Glenn Andres made a motion that the property meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation under Criteria B and G and the council recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination. John Vetter seconded and the motion passed 6-0.



Proposed De-listing, Chittenden County Courthouse, Burlington – Devin Colman advised council members that the Chittenden County Courthouse suffered a devastating fire in February 1982 and was subsequently demolished. Glenn Andres moved that the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed and recommends that the property be removed from the National Register. Blaine Cliver seconded and the motion carried, 6-0.

Proposed De-listing, Brooksville Advent Church, New Haven – Devin Colman advised council members that the Brooksville Advent Church had been relocated and extensively altered in a renovation. Blaine Cliver moved that the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register due to the relocation and extensive alterations and recommends the property be removed from the National Register. Helen Whyte seconded and the motion carried, 6-0.

Proposed De-listing, Dog Team Tavern, New Haven – Devin Colman advised council members that the Dog Team Tavern suffered a devastating fire in September 2006 and was subsequently demolished. Helen Whyte moved that the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed and recommends that the property be removed from the National Register. Blaine Cliver seconded and the motion carried, 6-0.

Helen Whyte excused herself from the meeting at noon.

IX. 2016 Certified Local Government Grant Review

Devin Colman presented council members with overview of the seven CLG applications received, which totaled \$68,880 of which the Division has \$68,880 to award. After review and discussion Glenn Andres made a motion to accept all seven applications, Blaine Cliver seconded. The motion carried, 5-0.

X. New Business

Council members discussed future meeting dates for March and April. The March meeting date will be selected once consultation is complete with absent council members. A tentative date of April 21, 2016 was selected.

XI. Meeting Adjourned at 12:20 p.m.