



State of Vermont
Advisory Council for Historic Preservation
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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
July 20, 2016
Montpelier Conference Room
Montpelier, Vermont

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
David Donath, Historian (By phone until 11:10 a.m.)

Absent: Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

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Staff Participants: Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Jamie Duggan, VDHP
Elizabeth Peebles, VDHP
Chris Slesar, VTrans
Judith Ehrlich, VTrans
Brennan Gauthier, VTrans
Kyle Obenauer, VTrans
Cos Gardner, Manchester / Wallingford Bridge RR
Donna Barlow Casey, Town of Milton / General Stannard House
Janet & Terry Richards, General Stannard House Committee
Kate Cadreact, General Stannard House Committee
Skip Flanders, Vermont State Hospital
John Ostrum, Vermont State Hospital
Michael Stevens, Vermont State Hospital
Dave Burley, Vermont State Hospital
Lyssa Papazian, Vermont State Hospital

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:05 am with David Donath via phone in the Montpelier 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 May 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Barbara George made a motion to approve the May minutes and Glenn Andres seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: John Vetter, Barbara George, David Donath, Glenn Andres, Helen Whyte. Motion carried.

IV. VTrans – Town Highway Structures Project, Salisbury

Kyle Obenauer and Brennan Gauthier from VTrans provided council members with an overview of the proposed bridge replacement in the town of Salisbury. Loss of the original bridge, despite its severely deteriorated condition, is an adverse effect on the historic resource. After review and discussion, council members indicated that they were in support of the mitigation efforts, including archaeological survey and encourage further consultation between all parties on this project. SHPO is writing a letter reflecting the Council's discussion and support to VTrans.

V. VTrans – Rail Projects, Manchester & Wallingford

Kyle Obenauer and Cos Gardner, a new project manager for VTrans, provided council members with an overview the of two rail bridge projects. located on the Vermont railway, the bridges are severely deteriorated. Rehabilitation would not be cost effective. Discussion with council members involved other potential uses for the bridges and mitigation options. The council asked to be kept updated in both projects.

VI. VTrans – Demolition of Historic Bridges and Railing Design Discussion

Judith Ehrlich lead a discussion with council members advising that new standards for bridges and railings are coming. The new standards are the result of concerns about safety and the load weight bridges can handle, especially with vehicles becoming increasingly heavier and larger. Discussion focused on bridges in historic districts, what options will be available in these districts and questions over how other states are dealing with these new standards. The council asked to be kept updated.

VII. VTrans – Culvert Projects, Glover & Westmore

Judith Ehrlich provided council members with a summary of a successful culvert rehabilitation in Glover, VT. The culvert needed to be addressed as it was undersized and could not accommodate the load of bigger and heavier vehicles. The town was very interested in retaining the culvert and after further evaluation, engineers determined rehabilitation was possible.

Judith also advised council members of another culvert project in the town of Westmore. The culvert is not large enough and twice FEMA funding was used to repair road washouts. Council members inquired about the possibility of a second culvert, but the area is not large enough to accommodate that option. Proposed mitigation will be photo documentation and adding this culvert to the culvert survey.

VIII. Roadside Historic Markers

Laura Trieschmann and council members reviewed the proposed text and location for four historic roadside markers; Williamstown Historic District, Williamstown; Vermont Veteran's Home, Bennington; Equality for Same-Sex Marriage, Montpelier and Clarence Fitch, Adamant. Barbara George made a motion to approve the historic roadside markers with noted edits, Helen Whyte seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: John Vetter, Barbara George, David Donath, Glenn Andres, Ron Kilburn and Helen Whyte. Motion carried.



David Donath left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

IX. General Stannard House, Milton

Donna Barlow-Casey, Town Manager for Milton and several members of the General Stannard House Committee, were present to discuss the proposal to move the historic house. Since development has altered its current setting, the town and committee are asking to move the house onto town property. The committee would like to establish it as a public facility to interpret civil war history. Helen Whyte made a motion to support the proposal to move the General Stannard House, Ron Kilburn seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

X. National Register Nomination, Vermont State Hospital, Waterbury

The council reviewed the National Register nomination for the Vermont State Hospital in Waterbury. Council members engaged in conversation with Lyssa Papazian, the consultant who drafted the nomination and several members of Vermont's Building and General Services, who were in attendance. Following study and discussion of the materials submitted for review, Barbara George made a motion that the property meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation under Criteria A and C and the council recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination. Ron Kilburn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

XI. SHPO Report

Laura Trieschmann advised council members that the National Park Service (NPS) has officially approved our State Plan and the Division can now implement, produce and distribute the document. Also recently approved by NPS was the Division's Historic Preservation Fund application.

Other updates included; news of Secretary Moulton resigning in September, Bennington Battle Monuments 125th birthday party, visits to bridges that the Division owns and updates to the historic sites major and minor maintenance plans.

**XII. New Business
Meeting Schedule**

The following future council meeting dates were selected:
October 18 or 19, Potential for a site visit in Burlington – to be determined.
November 22 in Montpelier.

Announcements

Devin Colman advised council members that the Hinesburg Town Forest has officially been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, making it the first town forest on the register in the nation.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.