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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
October 19, 2016
Intervale Center
Burlington, 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

Absent: David Donath, Historian
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member

Historic Preservation

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

Guests: Clay Westbrook, Lareau Farm
George Schenk, Lareau Farm

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

I. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda during this portion of the meeting. However, agenda items V – Roadside Historic Markers, VI – Project Review and VII - H.C. White Company Mill Complex in Bennington were discussed after VII – National Register of Historic Places, Lareau Farm, to accommodate visitors to the meeting.

II. Public Comment

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

III. Review and Approval of September 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Blaine Cliver motioned to approve the September 22, 2016, minutes with one minor editorial change and Glenn Andres seconded. Motion carried 5-0

IV. SHPO Report



Stabilization Fund – Laura Trieschmann provided council members with an overview of the initial purpose and creation of the fund, properties included, status of the fund, and the remaining property on the list. Per statute, the pilot project will sunset and any remaining monies in the fund—after the Fuller Farmhouse is razed—will be reallocated back to the state as of June 30, 2017. Barbara George motioned to approve the language in the report; Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Rules – Jamie Duggan advised council members that due to the large spike in renewable energy projects, the Division will be creating criteria for evaluating the effects of solar projects on historic resources and updating the existing criteria for evaluating the effect of proposed telecommunications facilities, transmission lines, and wind power facilities on historic resources. Laura Trieschmann request the support of the ACHP in the revision of the Vermont Historic Preservation Act Rules. The goal would be to update the document to greater assist the Divisions’ programs going forward, especially the percentage of match required for Certified Local Government grants. The revision process requires legislative approval and public noticing. The ACHP was in favor of revising the Rules and stated their interest in assisting with the effort. It was suggested that the internal review, which includes the ACHP, be undertaken in sections.

Budget – Laura Trieschmann provided council members with an overview of the Division’s current budget and challenges, as all State agencies have been tasked to identify potential savings. Council members proposed fewer, but longer, meetings to save funding. Fewer meetings shall be planned, while recognizing there are can be agenda items requiring their immediate attention.

Windows – Laura Trieschmann informed council members of challenges that the Division faces with projects that involve windows, as all housing and funding groups wish to replace rather than restore windows. Pilot window study projects were undertaken about 20 years ago by the Division. These buildings will be visited to examine the status and condition of those replacement and repaired windows. The Division is exploring the practicality of identifying acceptable standard 1/1 or 2/2 replacement windows to expedite projects and reviews. The National Preservation Institute (NPI) will be providing a seminar in Vermont on Historic Windows in May of 2017.

V. National Register of Historic Places – Proposed Nomination

Lareau Farm, Waitsfield

Devin Colman along with George Schenk and Clay Westbrook from Lareau Farm, presented the Lareau Farm in Waitsfield for designation to the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Schenk and Mr. Westbrook recounted the history of the property, renovations completed to date, and future opportunities at the site. Nomination was submitted at the owner’s request and is for tax credits. Barbara George motioned that the property be approved by SHPO for designation to the National Register of Historic Places; Glenn Andres seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Roadside Historic Marker – Moore Round Barn, Barnet

Laura Trieschmann presented the proposed text and location information for the historic marker. Following review and discussion, Glenn Andres motioned to approve the historic marker as amended; Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. Project Review – Black Barn Arts Update

Jamie Duggan provided council members with an update on the Black Barn Arts project in Guilford, Vermont. The council determined at the March 2016 meeting that the parcel was eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places, although substantial alterations had already been undertaken compromising the integrity of the property. Council’s review of the property for eligibility, according the statute, was to be based on the 2008 appearance of the property, when the



property owner was notified that an Act 250 permit was required. The property owner has not yet applied for the permit. Therefore, alterations to the property were not shared with the council at the March 2016 meeting. Mr. Duggan advised members that due to extensive renovations of the historic resources on site, the Division was unable to provide the Act 250 district commission with a “*no adverse effect*” finding for Criterion 8 and no suitable mitigation was identified.

**V - National Register of Historic Places – Proposed Nomination
H.C. White Company Mill Complex, Bennington**

Devin Colman presented the H.C. White Company Mill Complex in Bennington for designation to the National Register of Historic Places. Nomination was at the owner’s request. Glenn Andres motioned that the property be approved by SHPO for designation to the National Register of Historic Places; Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**VIII. New Business
Announcements**

Laura Trieschmann advised council members of the upcoming Preservation 50 Symposium to be held on October 20, 2016, in Randolph. She announced the Division has received 48 Historic Preservation Grant application, which shall be reviewed at the December council meeting. She provided an update on the progress of the programmatic agreement with the Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, with a meeting set for November 3, 2016.

IX. Adjourn at 12:40 p.m.