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**State of Vermont**

**Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**

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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**

**April 18, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.**

**Phone Meeting**

- Council Participants:** Edward Clark, Citizen Member/Chair  
David Donath, Historian  
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian  
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member  
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect
- Absent:** Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member/Vice Chair  
John Vetter, Archaeologist
- Staff Participants:** Laura V. Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer  
Devin Colman, Architectural Historian
- Guests:** Courtney Dobyns, Goodrich Four Corners Historic District  
Jean Lawe, Goodrich Four Corners Historic District

Mr. Clark opened the meeting at 10:12 a.m.  
The meeting was not recorded.

**I Welcome**

**II Changes to the Agenda**  
No changes to the agenda

**III Public Comment**  
No public comments

**IV Review / Approve March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes**  
Spelling correction of Mr. Clark's name  
Mr. Cliver made the motion; Mr. Luneau seconded  
Motion passed 5-0

**V SHPO Report**

- Ms. Trieschmann reported the reappointment by Governor Phil Scott of Mr. Donath to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.
- She updated the Council on the status of the Capital Construction Bill (H.543): Historic Sites maintenance is set at \$250,000; Roadside Markers at \$25,000; Underwater Preserves at \$25,000; Historic





Preservation and Barn Grants at \$200,000 each; Schooner *Lois McClure* down from \$50,000 to \$27,500; and the addition of the Native American Cemetery in Highgate at \$100,000. Ms. Trieschmann testified in Senate Institutions on April 12 about the cemetery and the failure of the embankment due to ice in 2019.

- The Historic Preservation Fund for Vermont in FFY19 is \$596,510, which is \$6,129 higher than FFY18. The National Park Service has not get approved the FFY17 close out and FFY18 interim reports; the FFY19 applications are not yet being accepted. SHPO is going to include the Justin Morrill Homestead Restoration as a project for the FFY19 fund. The Council was provided with electronic copies of the Highlights and Success Stories, as well as the budget documents, submitted to the National Park Service for FFY17 and FFY18.
- Ms. Tonn noted Mr. Colman and Ms. Trieschmann had recently met with the mayor and planning staff of the City of Winooski to discuss the Certified Local Government program. This was prompted by the delisting and proposed demolition of a building in Winooski.

## **VI Roadside Markers**

- **Fisk Trophy Race, South Pomfret**

Ms. Trieschmann introduced the marker text, noting the Woodstock Ski Runners was the applicant. The proposed marker is to be placed at the top of Suicide Six, just to the southeast of the lift. There is precedent for markers located off the roads in more remote locations such as this. The great discussion included history from Mr. Donath about the Fisk sisters and their homes in the immediate area, that Ms. Tonn participated in the Fisk Trophy Race when in college, and that the marker/race are significant to women's history.

Mr. Donath made a motion; Ms. Tonn seconded  
Motion passed 5-0

## **VII State Register of Historic Places**

- **Shores Memorial Museum, Lyndon**

Mr. Colman introduced the Shores Memorial Museum to the Council, providing a summary history of the property, statement of significance, fulfillment of nomination notification requirements, and lack of written objections to nomination. The house is a good example of the Queen Anne style, with few alterations. It was constructed by James Shores and was the home of his daughter, Dr. Venila Lovina Shores, who was town historian, author, and founder of the history program at Florida State University (then Florida State College for Women). The property was nominated under Criterion B for Dr. Shores and Criterion C for architecture.

Ms. Tonn made a motion to list the Shores Memorial Museum in the State Register of Historic Places/Mr. Cliver seconded  
Motion passed 5-0



## VIII National Register of Historic Places

- **Goodrich Four Corners Historic District, Norwich**

Mr. Colman introduced the historic district nomination, which began as a CLG grant project in 2016. Notification of the proposed listing was sent to the five property owners, select board, CLG staff, and Regional Planning Commission; no written objections were received. The proposed historic district, a notable cluster of residential and agricultural buildings in a rural setting, includes nine contributing resources and five non-contributing resources set on five properties. One of the properties, Root Schoolhouse, was been individually listed in the National Register. The historic district is being nominated under Criterion A for agricultural and Criterion C for architecture.

Ms. Dobyms noted the community has been focused on the preservation of the schoolhouse, raising funds for a new foundation. They plan to use the building seasonally as a community/educational center. Ms. Lawe mentioned she has been involved with the schoolhouse since 1950s, when it was a game club used by local men who hunted in the area and played cards there in evening. When hunting stopped, the school was taken over by the Root District Riding Club. It later became local neighborhood community house but was closed due to foundation issues and is now under restoration with an Historic Preservation grant. Ms. Dobyms stated that the historic district designation will provide greater community interest in school and shall highlight the one-room schoolhouse history in Norwich. She said there is great community excitement about the expanded historic context prompted by the nomination and that the schoolhouse can be used to present that history.

The Areas of Significance for the historic district are agriculture, education, and architecture, with a Period of Significance from c.1786 to 1937. It is locally significant.

Ms. Tonn noted the nomination presents little historic context to support education as an Area of Significance. Rather, the proposed nomination references the individual nomination of the Root Schoolhouse and does not sufficiently repeat or augment the education context for the historic district as it should. Mr. Colman had previously noted this and has contacted the consultant to edit the historic district nomination in Section 8 accordingly.

Mr. Cliver made a motion requesting the SHPO forward the Goodrich Four Corners Historic District nomination to the Keeper of the National Register once sufficient context related to education has been added to Section 8/Mr. Donath seconded.  
Motion passed 5-0.

## IX New Business

- **Meeting Schedule**



- April 18
- May 23 (St. Albans/Chester Arthur Site visit)
- June 5 (Downtown and HP Conference, Montpelier)
- July 18
- No August
- **Announcements**
  - No announcements

## **X Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Luneau/seconded by Mr. Cliver. All in favor; motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.