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**State of Vermont**  
**Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**  
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**Approved on February 20, 2020**  
**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**  
**January 23, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Calvin Coolidge conference room, Davis Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**

**Council Participants:** Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member  
Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member  
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member  
David Skinas, Archaeologist  
Britt Tonn, Architectural Historian

**Council Absent:** David Donath, Historian  
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

**Staff Participants:** Laura Trieschmann, SHPO  
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian  
Scott Dillon, Sr. Historic Preservation Review Coordinator  
Jess Robinson, State Archaeologist  
Yvonne Benney Basque, Historic Resources Specialist-Archaeologist

**Guests:** Brennan Gauthier, VTrans  
Wayne Symonds, VTrans  
Andrea Wright, VTrans  
Jen Russell, VTrans  
Rob Sikora, FHWA  
Judith Ehrlich, VTrans  
Chris Slesar, VTrans  
Kyle Obenauer, VTrans  
Lyssa Papazian, consultant Norwich projects  
Scott Newman, consultant for Blake Barn  
Ken Heco, Blake Barn  
Scot Waring, Blake Barn  
John Schnee, Stone Mountain Resort

Mr. Clark opened the meeting at 9:05 am.  
The meeting was recorded.  
Mr. Wyncoop left at 2:30 pm.

- I** Welcome
- II** Changes to the Agenda
  - No changes to the agenda
- III** Public Comment
  - No public comment



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#### IV Review / Approve December 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- One typo correction in minutes
- Ms. Tonn made a motion to accept the minutes with the edit; motion was seconded by Mr. Luneau.
- Motion passed 5-0.

#### V VTrans

- Weybridge Bridge 8 Presentation:

Brennan Gauthier presented the history of the site as it developed from a covered bridge to the current project with testing locations. Onsite investigation was initially performed by the University of Massachusetts. Consultation on Phase III research design for Site VT-AD-1711 was conducted with SHPO and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohican Tribe. The University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program (UVM CAP) completed limited supplemental Phase III work at the site because the UMAS work did not fully investigate the depth range of the cultural deposits. The site dates from the Middle Archaic or earlier and was occupied through the Woodland period. The earliest dates so far from deepest hearth features identified are about 6,500 years old. A draft Phase III report from University of Massachusetts has been submitted to VTrans but not circulated to consulting parties. An end-of-field letter for the UVM CAP work was submitted and the final report, which will include the mitigation work completed for the Fish and Wildlife Boat Access across the river last fall, is pending.

Chris Slesar continued the presentation, addressing issues of water ponding and the project procedures used by VTrans to correct the drainage issue without consultation with FHWA, the Stockbridge Munsee Community, or the SHPO. Large portions of the regrading area and cattle path alignment constructed by VTrans was not tested for archaeology as VTrans believed the area was not sensitive. The culvert and swale were placed north of the partially excavated UMAS block excavation and the completed interconnecting trench which was finished by UVM CAP.

Mr. Skinas discussed his understanding of NRCS's work at the site, stating nothing was found in the NRCS test pits excavated for the culverts placed east of the VT-AD-1711 site area. Scott Dillon noted the cattle path construction within and directly at VT-AD-1711 was done by VTrans and not NRCS and involved stripping of the top 14 inches of soil. Mr. Dillon added NRCS's proposal for the area along the riverbank was to install the cow path on top of Geotech material placed on the existing ground surface. Mr. Skinas asked about consultation with Stockbridge-Munsee. VTrans; FHWA stated there was consultation until this last phase of the project for drainage.

Mr. Clark requested updates about the responses to the drainage consultation. Jen Russell noted a meeting was held involving the Stockbridge-Munsee, SHPO, Federal Preservation Officer for FHWA, FHWA regional office, and federal ACHP. Mr. Slesar noted the significant findings as a result of the project should be remembered, acknowledging challenges and mishaps.

ACHP members requested copies of the documentation submitted to the Stockbridge-Munsee.

#### VI National Register of Historic Places

- Mid-Century Modern Residential Architecture in Norwich, Vermont MPDF
  - Mr. Colman presented the Multiple Property Documentation Form, completed by Ms. Papazian. Scope began as mid-century modern



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architecture but quality of survey in Norwich identified style was strictly residential. This was a 2018 certified local government grant. Notification was sent to the select board, historic preservation commission, and regional planning commission. Associated contexts: residential and architects working in Norwich. Property types: Ranch, contemporary style, contemporary Wrightian & organic, and Shed style, from 1945 to 1975. Ms. Papazian provided additional comments on the types of properties identified and the design aspects specific to Norwich.

Mr. Skinas noted that prefabricated houses are part of this context. Ms. Papazian confirmed that one prefabricated property has already been listed. Ms. Tonn suggested that associated residential buildings in the ski areas that reflect this style should be noted in the MPDF as a future context for study, although outside Norwich. She requested the inclusion of construction dates within text at first mention of each property.

Ms. Tonn made motion to request the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the MPDF to the National Register; Mr. Luneau seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

- Redwood House, 108 McKenna Road, Norwich
  - Mr. Colman introduced the nomination, which was funded by 2018 CLG grant. The select board, regional planning commission, owners, and historical commission were informed of the nomination. Period of significance is year built, 1945. Nominated under Criteria A, B, and C for Architecture and Community Planning/Development. Ms. Papazian explained the community planning context for Norwich and this property's contribution to that development.

Ms. Tonn requested more emphasis be presented on the architect in the significance statement and the promotion of the design on the cover of *Pencil Point Magazine* at the time of construction.

Motion by Mr. Wyncoop requesting the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register following requested edits; Mr. Skinas seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

- Eldredge House, Norwich
  - Mr. Colman presented this nomination, noting the owners requested the redaction of the property address in documents posted online and available to the public. Owners, select board, regional planning commission, and historic preservation commission informed of nomination. Nominated with period of significance of 1948 under Criteria A and C for Architecture and Community Planning/Development.

Ms. Tonn noted the garage date of construction is listed as both 1988 and 1998.



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Motion made by Mr. Wyncoop to request that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register; seconded by Ms. Tonn.  
Motion carried 5-0.

- Stockmayer House, 48 Overlook Drive, Norwich
  - Mr. Colman presented the nomination, adding the property recently sold to owners who are careful stewards. Owners, select board, regional planning commission, and historic preservation commission were informed of nomination. Period of significance is 1961 to 1967 under Criteria A and C for Architecture and Community Planning/Development.

Motion made by Mr. Clark requesting that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register; Mr. Wyncoop seconded.  
Motion passed 5-0.

- Meeting House Farm, 128 Union Village Road, Norwich
  - Mr. Colman reported the edits requested by the Advisory Council previously were completed. Owner, select board, regional planning commission, and historic preservation commission were notified of the nomination.

Motion by Mr. Luneau requesting that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register; Mr. Skinas seconding.  
Motion passed 5-0.

- Maple Hill Farm, 65 Maple Hill Road, Norwich
  - Mr. Colman stated the required edits were completed, noting a description of the hot ash site was added. Additional photographs of the context were provided. Criterion D for potential to yield additional information was included. Owner, select board, regional commission, and historic preservation commission were notified.

Motion made by Mr. Skinas requesting that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register; Ms. Tonn seconded  
Motion passed 5-0.

- Fire District No. 2 Firehouse, 716 Depot Street, Chester
  - Town of Chester owns the building. Hugh Henry prepared nomination. It is the first nomination for the Fire Stations of Vermont (2006) Multiple Property Documentation Form. The period of significance is 1879 to 1967 for criteria A and C under Architecture and Politics/Government (firefighting).

Motion by Mr. Wyncoop requesting that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register, following requested editing; Ms. Tonn seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0



Ms. Tonn noted she does not agree with the nomination's discussion of the sliding door and river-side addition as compromising integrity and recommended the 1940s doors and addition should be reported as alterations rather than significant changes. She complimented the writer of the nomination on the quality of research and writing.

- Canal Street Schoolhouse Amendment, 112 Canal Street, Brattleboro
  - Mr. Colman presented the errors of the 1977 nomination noting Robert Gordon Hardie as the architect; McKim, Mead & White were the architects. Notification was sent to the owner, select board, and Windham Regional Commission.

Ms. Tonn made a motion requesting that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register, following requested editing; Mr. Skinas seconded.  
Motion passed 5-0.

Break for lunch 12:03-12:40

## VII State Register of Historic Places – Determination of Eligibility

- Stowe Mountain Resort Facilities Building
  - Mr. Colman informed the council members that the determination of eligibility was required by the new rules because the building is over 50 years old and is proposed for demolition. Stowe Mountain Resort, town planning and zoning directors, and historical society were informed of the evaluation. The historical society provided additional information regarding construction, alterations, and comparative information of the Barnes Camp, which Mr. Colman noted has more significance and integrity. Mr. Colman noted the alterations to the building resulted in its lack of integrity and recommended that it is not eligible for listing State Register.

Motion made by Mr. Clark to accept the recommendation that the building is not eligible for the State Register due to a lack of integrity; Ms. Tonn seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0.

- Blake Barn, 63 Westford-Milton Road, Westford
  - Mr. Colman presented the request for the evaluation of eligibility. Because this is an Act 250 project, Elizabeth Peebles of SHPO conducted site visit and recommended a consultant be retained to explore significance, alterations, and integrity. Scott Newman was hired to produce the determination of eligibility. The owner, select board, town officials, and historical society were informed of the evaluation. Mr. Colman and Mr. Newman noted the loss of associated buildings on the once 340-acre farm and the deteriorated barn, now isolated on 10 acres. Mr. Newman described the interior spaces and framing. He recommended that the building is not eligible for the State Register due to a lack of integrity supporting the significance and Mr. Colman concurred.



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Motion made by Ms. Tonn to support the recommendation that the building is not eligible for the State Register due to a lack of integrity; seconded by Mr. Skinas.  
Motion carried 5-0.

### VIII Certified Local Government Grant Application Review

- Mr. Colman informed the members that of the 16 certified local government communities, 9 submitted applications. SHPO is providing \$74,523, which is 12% of the Historic Preservation Fund for federal fiscal year 2020.

Mr. Skinas inquired what archaeological projects have been completed using this grant funding. Mr. Colman stated there have been several in the past 2 and 3 years in Williston and Norwich.

Projects for FFY2020:

1. Hartford: Demolition Ordinance and Public Outreach
  - a. Recommend partial funding
2. Shelburne: Historic Sites and Structure Survey Update
3. Burlington: Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings Guidance Document
4. Windsor/Preservation Trust of Vermont: 2020 Historic Preservation and Downtown Conference
  - a. Recommend partial funding
5. Bennington: Historic Sites Kiosk
6. Norwich: Norwich Barn Survey
7. Calais: Revitalization of the East Calais General Store Building
  - a. Recommend partial funding
8. Rockingham: Program Support and Survey Overview
  - a. Recommend partial funding
9. Mad River Valley Planning District: Joslin Memorial Library Fixture Rewiring

Mr. Colman recommended awarding \$74,523 and requested permission to reallocate funding as needed with priority to those that did not receive full funding requested.

Motion made by Mr. Wyncoop to award with the proposed reallocations; Mr. Luneau seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### IX SHPO Report & Roadside Historic Markers

- Laura Trieschmann informed the members of the submittal of the federal fiscal year 2018 (final) and federal fiscal year 2019 (interim) reporting for the Historic Preservation Fund on December 31, 2019. All requirements and special conditions of the 2018 grant were met, with all funds federal expended and matched. The required match of \$393,587 was exceeded by \$13,068.23. The requirements and special conditions of the 2019 are ongoing, interim reported provided status reports on progress of projects and programs. For the 2019 match, \$404,397 is required for the match; \$371,737.34 was been expended. The required carryover was 32.92% (25% required) and justification was submitted to the National Park Service. Summary of highlights and success stories will be provided to council members electronically.



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The apportionment for federal fiscal year 2020 has been proved. The \$3 million increase for SHPOs results in an increase of \$24,518 for a total grant of \$621,028. Projects and program information is being compiled for the application, which should be completed in February. Award of the funds is contingent on approval of the 2018-2019 grants.

Vermont's Capital Construction Budget has not yet been published by the Administration. SHPO expects to be called to testify.

Working with field representatives of Senator Leahy's office and our deputy secretary, SHPO has compiled justification documents requesting federal support for Bennington Battle Monument, which will be Vermont's centerpiece of the 250<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Revolutionary War. Another request was prepared for funding to support state-owned historic sites, which many state historic preservation offices support.

SHPO is going to devote funding this federal fiscal year to update the educational historic context and prepare a context for ski-related resources.

- Site of Lyndon's First Town Meeting, Lyndon
  - Ms. Trieschmann presented the roadside historic marker for Lyndon, explaining the relocation of the 1906 monument and source of the text for this marker. This is the second marker for Lyndon. Mr. Wyncoop suggested adding "here" or "on this site" to the text

Motion made by Mr. Clark with possible editing; seconded by Mr. Luneau  
Motion passed 4-0

- Grand Isle Courthouse, Grand Isle
  - Ms. Trieschmann presented the Grand Isle Courthouse marker text and location. The council members were informed of the Capital Construction grant to the rehabilitate the windows and purchase a new furnace.

Motion made by Ms. Tonn; seconded by Mr. Skinas  
Motion carried 4-0.

## X New Business

- Meeting Schedule
  - February 20, 2020 (Barn Grants)
  - March 19, 2020 (Annual Meeting)
  - April 23, 2020 (NR/SR)
- Announcements

The ACHP has prepared a letter for House Correction & Institutions and Senate Institutions thanking them for supporting the Barn and Historic Preservation grants, noting the substantial number of applications worthy of support but not funded.

## XI Adjourn

Meeting closed at 2:26 pm, all in favor.