



State of Vermont
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
January 18, 2018
N313 Conference Room, National Life Davis Building, 3RD Floor
Montpelier, Vermont**

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Ron Kilburn, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Edward Clark, Citizen Member
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian
Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

Absent: David Donath, Historian

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Dale Azaria, DHCD General Counsel
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Alex Tolstoi, UVM Student
Maureen McCoy, UVM Student
Tim Henderson, UVM Student

Burlington Railyard
Guests: Judith Ehrlich, VTrans Historic Preservation Officer
Jen Russell, VTrans Archaeologist
Kyle Obenauer, VTrans Historic Resources Specialist
Amy Bell, VTrans
Jon Slason, RSG Inc.
Chapin Spencer, Director of Public Works, City of Burlington
Mary O'Neil, CLG Coordinator, City of Burlington
Eleni Churchill, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

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 / Approve December 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Edward Clark made a motion to approve the December 20, 2017, minutes with no edits and Paul



Wyncoop seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Conflict of Interest / Code of Ethics

Dale Azaria briefly summarized the recent changes to the executive code of ethics, and how these changes and additions might affect the council members and their roles on the Advisory Council. Members were provided with a new signature form.

V. SHPO Report

Laura Trieschmann provided copies and reviewed the information for the Historic Preservation Fund, explaining the documentation related to FFY16 close out and FFY17 interim reporting. The Council asked that the federal reporting be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting, once members have a chance to review the reporting documentation. She informed council members of uncertainty in the federal government budget for FFY18 and that notice of the grant funding for Vermont should be announced in the spring; it is expected to be level funding. Additional updates included; continued work on the programmatic agreement with VTrans, awarding of historic resources survey and nomination in Woodstock, and council member reappointments that are up in February.

VI. National Register for Historic Places:

District No. 5 Schoolhouse, Underhill

Devin Colman presented the District No. 5 Schoolhouse in Underhill. Division staff recommend that the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. Council members inquired about future renovations to repair the interior second story access and the soundness of the building. After review and discussion, Paul Wyncoop made a motion that the District No. 5 Schoolhouse meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommend that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Park Service. Glenn Andres seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mid-Century Modern Historic District, Norwich

Devin Colman presented the Mid-Century Modern Historic District in Norwich. Division staff recommend that the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. Council members commented on the minimal alterations done to the group of homes and recommended that the nomination could be provided for public consumption to help support the preservation of these types of homes. After review and discussion, Glenn Andres made a motion that the Mid-Century Modern Historic District meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommend that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Park Service. Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. CLG Grant Review

Prior to the meeting, Devin Colman supplied council members with electronic information for each of the nine applications to be considered for the 2018 Certified Local Government Grants. There were nine priority-one applications and no priority-two applications this year. The total amount requested is \$77,593, with \$74,620 (13% of the HPF grant) available for the council to award. Council members viewed a power point presentation that summarized each application, during which they had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss each project. Ron Kilburn made a motion to fully fund eight applications and a reduced award for the ninth application; Edward Clark seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

VIII. VTrans Project – Burlington Railyard Enterprise Project

Jon Slason of RSG, Inc., along with Chapin Spencer and Mary O’Neil of the City of Burlington



presented to council members the Burlington Railyard Enterprise project, which proposes to develop transportation infrastructure improvements in southern Burlington. VTrans staff assisted in the presentation and provided clarification regarding the archaeology and historical significance of the project area. Project guests provided an overview of the project, maps detailing the project area, and proposed project alternatives aimed at minimizing impacts to cultural resources. Discussion focused on the impacts of each proposed alternative with respect to cultural resources, nearby houses and businesses, and Vermonters living in the project area. The Council is charged with reviewing this project under 22 VSA Chapter 14 as VTrans will be providing funding for its implementation. Additional consultation with the Council will ensue as planning and consultation on the project progresses.

IX. New Business

Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates:

- February 23, 2018
- March 22, 2018
- April 19, 2018

X. Adjourned at 1:47 p.m.