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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
July 26, 2018  
Montpelier Conference Room, National Life Davis Building,  
Montpelier, Vermont**

**Council Participants:** Edward Clark, Citizen Member/Vice Chair  
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian  
David Donath, Historian (arrived 9:20)  
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member  
Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member

**Absent:** Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect  
John Vetter, Archaeologist

**Historic Preservation**

**Staff Participants:** Laura V. Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer  
Elizabeth Peebles, Historic Preservation Specialist

**Guests:** Scott Noren, Tenney Field  
Lynton “Curley” Worden, Tenney Field  
Chris Groeger, Tenney Field  
Martha Howard, Thetford Academy Historic Site Marker  
Steve Niederhauser, Thetford Academy Historic Site Marker  
Mary O’Neil, City of Burlington  
Scott Gustin, City of Burlington  
Suzanne Jamele, Historic Preservation Consultant  
Paul Bellefeuille, Northeastern Speedway  
Pete Racine, Northeastern Speedway  
Andrea Wright, VTrans  
Judith Ehrlich, VTrans

Vice Chair Edward Clark brought the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

- I. Welcome**
- II. Changes to the Agenda**  
There were no changes to the agenda.
- III. Public Comment**  
Mr. Clark opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.
- IV. Review / Approve May 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes**  
Mr. Luneau made a motion to approve the May 24, 2018, minutes with no edits, and Ms. Tonn seconded. Motion carried 4-0.



**V. VTrans: FHWA State Transportation Innovation Council Grant for a Cultural Resources GIS System for Transportation Projects**

Andrea Wright and Judith Ehrlich of VTrans presented the project to undertake a strategic initiative to study cultural resource GIS systems. The \$20,000 project will be funded by federal highway grant. A planning project at this stage, the project will identify GIS systems that are available and utilized in other states upon the recommendation of the National Park Service GIS director. The VTrans GIS system will utilize existing information for State Register listings, National Register listings, project review, historic maps, and VTrans project review that can be map layers to allow VTrans access to all layers in one place. Louis Berger has been contracted to do the project. Meeting on August 1 to include National Park Service GIS director, ACCD IT staff, VDHP staff, VTrans staff, and contractor. Final report will recommend what is positive and applicable for VTrans, with phased approach to implement. VTrans has working group with RPCs that can aid in this project.

**VTrans: Historic Bridges Multiple Property Documentation Form and Transportation Theme**

Ms. Ehrlich reminded council members that the draft RFP for these two documents had been presented to them in September 2017. The project sought to update existing documents from 1980s done by VDHP. ACHP proposed recommendations for other transportation modes, which VTrans incorporated into the project scope. The projects were completed by Louis Berger and reviewed by Devin Colman. Council members were pleased with the level of documentation. Edits were requested to be provided to Ms. Trieschmann, who will forward them to VTrans. The Multiple Property Documentation Form will go to National Park Service once an individual nomination is prepared and approved by the ACHP. That nomination is expected in September for a girder bridge in Sheldon. Discussion followed of an edit in Section E/page 8 and why the period of study extended to 1978. Ms. Ehrlich stated the longevity of the document enables its continued use by VTrans, VDHP, and scholars. The period of study is not a reflection of a period of significance and resources must be over 50 years old and reflect the areas of significance outlined in the document's registration requirements.

Mr. Donath made a motion to accept the Multiple Property Documentation Form, and Mr. Wyncoop seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Tonn made a motion to accept the Transportation Theme, and Mr. Luneau seconded. Motion carried 5-0

**VI. State Register of Historic Places – Delisting  
3241 West Enosburg Road, Enosburg**

Ms. Trieschmann, supported by Ms. Peebles, presented the request by the property owners to evaluate the historic integrity of the farmstead for a pending Act 250 permit. VDHP reported that a site visit had been conducted and integrity was found to be lacking; staff recommended delisting due to loss of integrity. A discussion of the practice of delisting followed, with staff explaining that older designations are being re-evaluated and more delisting requests should be expected. There was a discussion of relisting based on restoration. Staff stated this would require a case-by-case evaluation depending on the changes made to an historic property and the restoration.

Mr. Wyncoop made a motion to delist 3241 West Enosburg Road, and Ms. Tonn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**VII. Roadside Historic Markers  
Thetford Academy, Thetford**



Ms. Trieschmann presented the marker application for Thetford Academy at the original academy site. ACHP applauded applicant on the effort and recognized the significance of the academy to the educational context of Vermont. Steve Niederhauser and Martha Howard provided council members of a history of the academy and how the project has evolved in coordination with staff and historians of Thetford Academy. VDHP proposed edits to the proposed text, which Mr. Niederhauser would like to review.

Mr. Luneau made motion to accept the Thetford Academy marker, working with Mr. Niederhauser and Ms. Howard on the final text, and Mr. Wyncoop seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Break at 10:00 am-10:23am

**VIII. State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Report**

Ms. Trieschmann reported that VDHP had been working with the assigned staff of the National Historic Landmark program on monitoring site visits for listed properties in Vermont, and possible new designations, including Old Stone House Museum, Fairbanks Museum, Bennington Monument, and Strafford Town House. The Justin S. Morrill State Historic Site was being monitored July 27. Staffing changes at VDHP were announced, with Jenni Lavoie moving to work more with the Department's Community Planning and Revitalization Division. Ms. Lavoie will continue to keep the ACHP organized despite the change. Ms. Trieschmann reported that the funding for grants and programs through the Capital Construction Budget are now all approved, with the requested additional funding for historic sites major maintenance and roadside historic site markers increased.

**VI. Continued:  
State Register of Historic Places – Delisting  
36 Convent Square, Burlington**

Ms. Trieschmann presented the City of Burlington's request to review the historic integrity of 36 Convent Square. VDHP reported that a site visit had been conducted and integrity was found to be lacking at time of designation; staff recommended delisting due to loss of integrity. Discussion followed of the proposed plans for the property, which are beyond the purview of VDHP and ACHP. Council members inquired if the size and scale of the new building would fit with the existing buildings. Mary O'Neil from the City of Burlington advised that this project has not yet been presented to the Design Review Board. Mr. Donath inquired if this property was in the vicinity of known War of 1812 burials. Ms. O'Neil advised that human remains have not been found this far north in the city.

Mr. Donath made a motion to delist 36 Convent Square; Joe Luneau seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**IX. State Register of Historic Places – Determination of Eligibility  
109 North Avenue, Burlington**

Ms. Trieschmann presented the City of Burlington's request to review the historic integrity and significance of 109 North Avenue. VDHP reported that a site visit had been conducted and sufficient integrity existed to support the property's significance. Staff recommended the property was eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places as a typical tenement housing near the railroad. Council members questioned if the city would be surveying this area; VDHP has not yet undertaken a survey in this area of the city but is ready to partner with the city to record and evaluate properties in this immediate vicinity.

Mr. Wyncoop made a motion that the property is eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places; Ms. Tonn seconded. The ACHP noted this was only a determination of eligibility and not an



official listing; they recommended it as a contributing resource to a historic district. Motion carried 5-0.

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

#### **616 South Willard Street, Burlington**

Ms. Trieschmann presented the City of Burlington’s request to review the historic integrity and significance of 616 South Willard Street. VDHP reported that a site visit had been conducted and sufficient integrity existed to support the property’s significance. Staff recommended the property was eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places as a notable example of late-20<sup>th</sup>-century gas station design within a residential neighborhood. Ms. O’Neil commented that the determination of eligible will allow the owner additional flexibility in the protection of the property because it is zoned residential.

Ms. Tonn made a motion that the property is eligible for the State Register and Mr. Donath seconded. The ACHP noted this was only a determination of eligibility and not an official listing. Motion carried 5-0.

### **X. State Register of Historic Places – Listings**

#### **Tenney Field, Brattleboro**

Ms. Trieschmann presented the request from Team Tenney, a nonprofit organization, to review historic integrity and significance of Tenney Field. VDHP reported that a site visit had been conducted and sufficient integrity existed to support the property’s significance. Staff recommended the property was eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places as one of three ball fields in Vermont designed just for baseball. Council members inquired about alterations to the grandstand such as the infilling of the dugouts. Scott Noren, of Team Tenney and a Brattleboro baseball coach, advised that the dugouts were located in a dangerous place with rogue balls entering and unmarked steps down into the dugouts; therefore, the original dugouts were enclosed, and new dugouts added. Curley Worden and Chris Groeger offered additional history, descriptions, and challenges of the property. Council members inquired if the grandstand would be painted and rehabilitated. Team Tenney indicated that they have volunteered time, materials, and labor, but the Brattleboro Union High School’s finance committee—which owns the property—voted down the proposal. The structural integrity of the grandstands needs to be evaluated and staff was asked to coordinate Team Tenney and the Preservation Trust of Vermont.

Mr. Wyncoop made a motion to designate Tenney Field to the State Register of Historic Places and Mr. Donath seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Northeastern Speedway, Waterford**

Ms. Trieschmann presented the request from owners of the Northeast Speedway to review its historic integrity and significance. VDHP reported that a site visit had been conducted and sufficient integrity existed to support the property’s significance. Staff recommended the property was eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places as the site of the first organized auto race track in Vermont. Paul Bellefeuille, owner of the property who has been restoring the track and associated resources, and former driver Pete Racine, were on hand to answer questions about the property and history.

Mr. Donath made a motion to designate the Northeastern Speedway to the State Register of Historic Places; Ms. Tonn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **XI. National Register of Historic Places**

#### **White River Junction Historic District – Update and Boundary Increase**



Ms. Trieschmann presented the update and boundary increase for the White River Junction Historic District. This project was funded by a CLG grant to the Town of Hartford. The boundary expansion included 42 additional properties on the north and southern ends of the current boundary. The amendment expands the period of significance and included a review of integrity for all resources already listed to district. Property owners within the district were incorrectly sent letters informing them of the historic district expansion and their right to object; two property owners did object and request their property be excluded. VDHP plans to send new letters to all property owners already listed and inform them of the mistake; SHPO will follow up with the two owners who objected. Two owners within the proposed boundary increase objected and requested removal. The Hartford Historic Preservation Commission staff addressed the concerns of the two objecting owners to no avail and requested the removal of these two buildings from the proposed boundary increase to ensure stability of the historic district and continued community support. Ms. Trieschmann proposed changes to the boundary that will eliminate the two properties from the proposed boundary increase. The update and boundary increase are being nominated under Criteria A and C. Ms. Tonn requested better mapping that identified the three boundaries created over time and utilized GIS mapping.

Mr. Wyncoop moved that the nomination meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommended that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination and forward it to the National Register of Historic Places with the proposed boundary changes. Mr. Luneau seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Camp Marbury Historic District, Ferrisburgh**

Ms. Trieschmann presented the nomination of the Camp Marbury Historic District. This project was the result of solar installation mitigation and is fully supported by the property owners. It is nominated under Criteria A and C as a summer girls camp designed by an architect with a period of significance from 1922 to 1945. It is nominated as part of the "Organized Summer Camping in Vermont Multiple Property Documentation Form." Ms. Tonn requested a key be added to the map.

Ms. Tonn moved that the nomination for the Camp Marbury meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and recommended that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination and forward it to the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Donath seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **XII. New Business: Meeting Schedule**

August – No meeting  
September 20, 2018 at the Kent Museum, Calais  
October 18, 2018  
November 15, 2018  
December 20, 2018

Mr. Wyncoop offered a discussion of engineers to assist the Historic Sites Program with the assessment of the mortar and stone repairs of Bennington Battle Monument.

**Adjourned at 12:55 p.m.**