

Vermont Roadside Historic Site Markers

The Vermont Historic Site Marker program commemorates facts, persons, events, and places prominently identified with the history of the nation, state, or region. The text for each proposed marker shall be reviewed and edited by the manager of the marker program and the staff of the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) and shall be approved by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

For markers on a state right-of-way: the Agency of Transportation (AOT) is responsible for approving the site location in consultation with VDHP and ACHP. For markers on town/city right-of-way: town or city managers in coordination with town garages shall be consulted in determining the location of markers. For markers on private property: VDHP shall work with owners, who must sign a Memorandum of Understanding prior to the installation.

Criteria for Evaluation of Roadside Historic Site Markers

(Approved by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, October 2014)

1. The site is associated with an event(s) that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history:
 - Site of an event of prehistoric or historic significance
 - Site marking unique, exemplary, or important surviving physical evidence of Vermont's past
2. The site is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past:
 - Birthplace of a significant individual
 - Burial place of a significant individual
 - Building or site associated with significant individual or group or business
3. The site embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values:
 - Exemplary example of a specific period of construction or architectural expression
 - Rare/unique method of construction
 - Representative work of master builder or architect/firm
4. During the selection process, the ACHP will also consider the following factors:
 - Reputation of the individual or group to be recognized
 - Interest of the public in historic context
 - Accessibility to the marker (ability to be viewed by larger public)



- Enhancement of the setting and preservation of the site
- Applicants ability to pay costs for installation and perpetual maintenance
- Determination of local, state, and/or national significance

Please note the following rules and exceptions:

1. No marker shall be erected to commemorate a living person.
2. In order for an historic event to be eligible for commemoration with a marker, the event must have occurred at least fifty years ago.
3. A place or person must have attained its significance at least fifty years ago, although there are exceptions if the event, place, or person is of extraordinary historical significance.
4. Markers will be not be placed to commemorate a building or structure that is no longer extant, unless one of the above criteria is met.

