



State of Vermont

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

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FINAL MINUTES

Approved November 21, 2019

Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

October 24, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

**1 National Life Drive, Davis Building, 4th Floor, Room N413
Montpelier, VT**

Council Participants: Edward Clark, Citizen Member/Chair
Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member/Vice Chair (10:17 am arrival)
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian
David Skinas, Archaeologist
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect

Council Absent: David Donath, Historian

Staff Participants: Laura Trieschmann, SHPO (via phone)
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian

Guests: Kyle Obenauer, VTrans
Brennan Gauthier, VTrans
Jen Russell, VTrans
Chris Slesar, VTrans
Judith Ehrlich, VTrans

Mr. Clark opened the meeting at 9:34 am
The meeting was not recorded.

I Welcome

II Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda

III Public Comment

No public comment

IV Review / Approve September 19, 2019

Mr. Cliver made a motion to accept the minutes; Ms. Tonn seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

V National Register of Historic Places:

- **Stone Highway Culverts in Vermont: 1750-1930 (Statewide Multiple Property Documentation Form)**

Devin Colman educated the ACHP members of the purpose of a multiple property documentation form in establishing an overall context from which resources can be evaluated and nominated; it is an umbrella document but is not a nomination. Federal Highways Administration funded this project, which included survey of 120 stone culverts throughout Vermont. Discussion of broader scope to include railroad culverts with change to MPDF title to "Stone Transportation Culverts in Vermont: 1750-1930" and edit the text with this additional associated property type to be added later. Mr. Colman explained the format of the MPDF and what is included specifically for this Stone Culvert document. MPDF includes two types of culverts: arched and boxed.

Ms. Tonn made a motion to request the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register with noted change for railroad culverts; Mr. Cliver seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

- **Center Road Culvert, Center Road, East Montpelier**

Mr. Colman presented the specific nomination to be submitted under the Stone Highway Culvert MPDF. One of the oldest culverts in Vermont, the Center Road Culvert had been well documented and retained sufficient integrity; repairs proposed after TS Irene, VTrans sought to propose preservation and constructed of a second culvert. Preservation of this culvert generated the MPDF project. Unique because the builders signed names inside culvert. University of Vermont completed a video and 3D scan of culvert, which captured measurements. Period of Significance 1899-1930; Criteria A and C for engineering and transportation.

Mr. Luneau made a motion to request the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register; Mr. Cliver seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

- **Brigham Hill Historic District, Town of Norwich**

Mr. Colman presented the historic district nomination, noting it was a product of a previous survey effort in Norwich supported by a Certified Local Government grant. Five properties with 3 owners; no response from notification. CLG submitted letter of support. Nominated under Criteria A and C with period of significance of 1782-1933.

Mr. Cliver made a motion to request the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the National Register; Mr. Skinas seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

- **Maple Hill Farm, 65 Maple Hill Road, Town of Norwich**

Mr. Colman presented the nomination of Maple Hill Farm. This was identified during the 2014 CLG survey and the nomination was a 2018 CLG project. Period of Significance is 1773-1956 with Criteria A, B, C, and D. It is being nominated under architecture, archaeology, agriculture, and politics/government.

ACHP and staff want more context photographs. Mr. Skinas requested the archaeological site be added to the inventory of Section 7. Mr. Colman noted the reference numbers need review/editing. Mr. Skinas noted issue with reference to "roving bands of Canadian Indians." Ms. Tonn requested more context specific to the significance of this individual property with less repetition from Meeting House Farm nomination prepared by same consultant.

Mr. Clark proposed the nomination be edited and presented again to the ACHP. Nomination tabled until editing completed; require re-notice for nomination.

- **Meeting House Farm, 128 Union Village Road, Town of Norwich**

Mr. Colman presented the nomination, noting it was identified as part of the 2014 CLG survey and a 2018 CLG grant. Nominated for Criteria A and C, under architecture, art, and agriculture with Period of Significance of 1788 to 1968. Discussion focused on the alterations and solar panel installations; Mr. Colman explained the integrity was enough and improvements/modernizations are part of a working farm property.

ACHP members would like more exploration of the Period of Significance dates, with more specific context on the areas of significance, and removal of the reference to “roving bands of Canadian Indians.”

Mr. Colman proposed the nomination be edited and presented again to the ACHP. Nomination tabled until editing completed; require re-notice for nomination.

VI SHPO Report

Ms. Trieschmann informed the ACHP of:

- SOV is currently in Category 4 disaster exercise. SHPO, when called to initial assessments, would reach out to list of partners to identify historical societies, town offices, museums, and historic resources impacted by an event. Mr. Skinas reminded that NRCS should be part of the initial outreach; Ms. Trieschmann verified that NRCS is on the partner list.
- Preservation Trust of Vermont announced the Liz Gamache shall be the interim president. She has already been in touch with SHPO to set up partnership meetings.
- SHPO staff have been invited to meet with the Natural Resources Board/Act 250 at their annual meeting to discuss our role in project review for permits.
- VTrans has been invited to present the Weybridge Bridge project at the November ACHP meeting. VTrans may also be requesting ACHP delegation for FHWA/Interstate Highway and FRA/rail projects under 22 VSA; SHPO is meeting with VTrans prior to the November ACHP meeting.
- Historic Preservation grant applications for FY20 have arrived. 52 applications were submitted, requesting \$753,429. The program has \$200,000 to grant. ACHP shall review in December.
- Dale Azaria is leaving the state as our general counsel in November.
- UVM memorandum of agreement is being reviewed with further discussion about the authority of VDHP to review interiors and archaeological sensitivity following a campus-wide archaeological assessment.

VII New Business

- Meeting Schedule
 - November 21, 2019
 - December 19, 2019
 - January 23, 2020
 - February 20, 2020
 - March 19, 2020
 - April 23, 2020
 - May 21, 2020
 - No June meeting; preservation conference
 - July 23, 2020
 - No August meeting
 - September 24, 2020
 - October 22, 2020
 - November 19, 2020
 - December 17, 2020
- Announcements

Mr. Cliver will not be attending the meetings in November, December, January, and February.

VIII Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Mr. Luneau; seconded by Mr. Cliver. Motion carried 6-0.
Meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.