



State of Vermont
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
September 19, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site
Plymouth, VT

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

Absent: David Donath, Historian

Staff Participants: Laura V. Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Devin Colman, Architectural Historian

Guests: Jane Pinney Soule, Woodstock resident/historian
Michael Brands, Town of Woodstock
Rep. Sara Coffey
Robert McBride

Mr. Clark opened the meeting at 10:16 a.m.
The meeting was not recorded.
Roll call voting conducted.

- I** Welcome
- II** Changes to the Agenda
No changes to the agenda
- III** Public Comment
No public comment
- IV** Review/Approve May 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Mr. Wyncoop made a motion to accept the minutes; Ms. Tonn seconded.
Motion passed 5-0; Mr. Skinas abstained.



V National Register of Historic Places

- Woodstock Village Historic District, Woodstock
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian, presented the documentation for the update to the Woodstock Village National Register Historic District. This is a boundary increase with additional documentation to the 1973 listing. Mr. Colman explained the genesis for the funding of the program was an Act 250 violation caused by the neglect and demolition of the Blake Stone House in Woodstock.

The final nomination includes 534 buildings, 11 structures, 6 sites, and 8 objects. Period of Significance: 1787-1969; Areas of Significance: community planning/development; commerce; politics/government; entertainment/recreation; architecture. Nominated under Criteria A and C.

Notification involved two public meetings and letters to property owners in the expanded areas, town and village officials, and the Regional Planning Commission. Two formal letters of objection have been filed with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for two contributing properties. Edits are being provided by Jane Pinney Soule, Woodstock resident/historian and Michael Brands, Town of Woodstock. Individual Historic Sites and Structures Survey forms were prepared for every property within an area defined by SHPO; this process defined the boundary increase for the historic district.

Ms. Tonn requested the contributing/non-contributing numbers from the 1973 nomination and this current nomination be more clearly identified as count process on the National Register nomination form causes confusion.

Mr. Cliver made a motion to request that the SHPO forward the nomination for the Woodstock Village Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places following minor editing; Mr. Wyncoop seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

VI State Register of Historic Places – Determination of Eligibility

- St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 117 St. John's Road, Johnson
Mr. Colman presented the request for a determination of eligibility for the State Register of Historic Places. The determination was prepared by SHPO intern Joseph Cava and Mr. Colman.

Period of Significance: 1948; Areas of Significance: religion; architecture. Determination of eligibility under Criteria A and C, with Consideration A.

Notification was sent to the owners, town, and Regional Planning Commission, with no responses.

Discussion of other concrete structures in Vermont that are listed in or eligible for the State Register, and how this church compares to others from that same period. Mr. Skinas inquired why Criterion A was applicable, and Mr. Colman explained this building represented the broader statewide



development of parish churches in the mid-20th-century. Full nomination would require comparative research and historic context study of construction materials and design.

Mr. Cliver made a motion that the St. John the Apostle Catholic Church was eligible for the State Register of Historic Places; determination only not actual listing. Mr. Skinas seconded.
Motion carried 6-0.

VII SHPO Report

New member David Skinas, appointed by the Governor to the archaeologist chair, greeted the other members and provided his professional background.

ACHP members discussed highlights and activities of the June 2019 Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference.

Ms. Trieschmann notified the ACHP members of the following activities involving the SHPO:

- Vermont Arts and Culture Disaster and Resiliency Network, created to assist historical societies, town offices, museums, and arts centers learn from events like Tropical Storm Irene and how to be prepared. This is being coordinated in partnership with Vermont Emergency Management and Agency of the Administration's State Archives.
- Jamie Duggan has been reassigned as Director of Preservation for the State Historic Sites and Scott Dillon will assume the position of Senior Historic Preservation Review Coordinator.
- The Act 250 consultation letter with the recommendations of the Division for Historic Preservation was submitted to the District Coordinator for the University of Vermont's Ira Allen Chapel and Peirce-Spaulling House. For the chapel, the column shafts shall be wood, the bases concrete, and the capitals reproduced in fiberglass.
- Requests for changes to the Capital Construction Bill are being processed; due October 14. SHPO is requesting that a portion of the salary for the Director of Preservation be included in the Historic Sites Maintenance, increasing the FY2020 request to \$300,000 from \$250,000.
- FY2019 funding for the Roadside Historic Site Markers has been expended/encumbered. No new applications are being accepted until March 2020. Three additional markers will be presented at the October meeting.
- SHPO is working on energy innovations and mistakes on historic buildings in collaboration with local architects and the Preservation Education Institute. This is a result of the recently approved Energy Code, which implies netzero rehabilitation is necessary with a push to exterior insulation. A training in coordination with Building Safety Association and Vermont AIA is planned for Spring 2020.
- An update on Federal Highway Administration and AOT adverse effects projects resulting in archaeological investigations.
 - Mr. Wyncoop requested that the ACHP be notified of all adverse effects at the time SHPO is notified.
 - Mr. Skinas requested that AOT present the Weybridge archaeological project at a future ACHP meeting.



VIII Roadside Markers

Ms. Trieschmann presented each of the marker applications:

- Finnish Immigrants in Vermont, Andover
Mr. Wyncoop made the motion with editing; Mr. Cliver seconded
Motion passed 6-0
- Peter Bent Brigham, Bakersfield
Mr. Luneau suggested the opposite side of the marker address Brigham Academy.
Ms. Tonn made the motion with editing; Mr. Cliver seconded
Motion passed 6-0
- Hotel Windham/Andrews Inn, Bellows Falls
Mr. Luneau made the motion; Mr. Wyncoop seconded
Motion passed 6-0
- Justin Morgan Home and Morgan Horse, Brookfield
Mr. Cliver made the motion; Mr. Skinas seconded
Motion passed 6-0
- Dam at Franklin Pond, Guilford
Mr. Clark made the motion; Mr. Cliver seconded
Motion passed 6-0
- Ira Town Hall, Ira
Mr. Wyncoop made the motion with editing regarding construction date; Mr. Skinas seconded
Motion passed 6-0

IX New Business

- Meeting Schedule
 - October 24
 - November 21
 - December 19
- Announcements
 - Ms. Trieschmann announced the Lindsay Kurrle has been named Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.
 - Ms. Skinas announced the Vermont Archaeological Society received a \$140,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for two one-week workshops for educators of K-12 to learn how to teach with historic sites.
 - Mr. Wyncoop announced the Grand Isle Lake House workshop was October 27-29.
 - Mr. Colman announced the First International Hockey Game marker in Burlington will be dedicated October 5.

X Adjourn, followed by lunch, and tour
Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.