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**State of Vermont**

**Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**

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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**

**September 20, 2018**

**Kent Tavern, 281 Old West Church Road**

**Calais, Vermont**

**Council Participants:** John Vetter, Archaeologist/Chair  
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect  
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian  
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member  
Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member

**Absent:** Edward Clark, Citizen Member/Vice Chair  
David Donath, Historian

**Historic Preservation Staff Participants:**

Laura V. Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer  
Elizabeth Peebles, Historic Preservation Specialist  
Tracy Martin, Historic Sites Section Chief  
Jamie Duggan, Senior Historic Preservation Review Coordinator

**Guests:** Judith Ehrlich, VTrans, Bridge No. VT 105-10  
Cynthia Stuart, 661 US Route 2, Kirby  
Tricia Bunnell, 661 US Route 2, Kirby  
David Schutz, State Curator, Art in the Kent

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.  
This meeting was not recorded

- I. Welcome**
- II. Changes to the Agenda**  
There were no changes to the agenda.
- III. Public Comment**  
Mr. Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.
- IV. Review / Approve July 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes**  
Mr. Luneau made a motion to approve the July 26, 2018, minutes with no edits, and Mr. Wyncoop seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



## **V. National Register Nomination: Bridge Number VT105-10, Town of Sheldon**

Judith Ehrlich of VTrans presented the National Register Nomination for Bridge No. VT105-10 to the Advisory Council. The nomination for the bridge in Sheldon is part of a larger project resulting in the preparation of a Multiple Property Documentation Form “Metal Truss, Masonry and Concrete Bridges of Vermont, 1820-1978.” The Multiple Property Documentation Form was reviewed and accepted by the Advisory Council in July 2018. The Sheldon Bridge is being nominated utilizing the registration criteria outlined in the Multiple Property Documentation Form; both will be forwarded to the National Park Service as a package. Council members inquired about the maintenance and inspection schedules for the bridge, which is regularly inspected. Ms. Ehrlich responded that painting is planned for the girders, but no other work is expected in the immediate future because of the stability and good condition of the bridge. Constructed in 1947 to replace a truss bridge, this is a four-span girder bridge. It is an early version of this type of bridge, which was used extensively throughout Vermont. It is the third oldest girder bridge in Vermont, and the longest extant example. Railings have been replaced but this did not rate as integrity issue.

Blaine Cliver made motion to request the nomination for Bridge No. VT105-10 be forwarded by SHPO to the National Park Service, under Criteria A and C. Britta Tonn seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Technical correction to the nomination; bridge is listed as a bridge but should be noted as a structure. VDHP will make the correction for VTrans.

## **VI. State Register Determination of Eligibility: Property at 661 U.S. Route 2, Kirby**

Elizabeth Peebles presented the documentation related to the property at 661 U.S. Route 2 in Kirby, which is being reviewed by VDHP for an Act 250 application. State architectural historian Devin Colman recommended that the house and carriage barn are contributing because they reflect the period and areas for which the property is significant—its context General William Grout, who served in the U.S. Congress and extensively renovated the property in 1887. Although Congressman Grout oversaw the remodeling of two original barns and built two new barns; only one barn from this era is extant. The detailed documentation of the barn’s 1887 renovations show that it has been substantially altered, no longer reflecting Grout’s renovations because it was used by a subsequent owner as a brick making factory. Mr. Colman recommended the barn is non-contributing due to a loss of integrity. Ms. Peebles, along with Cynthia Stuart (consultant) and Tricia Bunnell (owner), discussed the possible demolition of the barn because it is not structurally sound and future use of the property.

Britta Tonn made a motion to accept VDHP’s recommendation that the property is eligible for the State Register of Historic Places, with the barn listed as non-contributing due to a loss of integrity within the period and areas of significance. Joe Luneau seconded. Motion passed 4-0 with one abstention.

## **VII. Roadside Historic Marker Update**

SHPO Laura Trieschmann presented the list of new and repaired markers for FY18-19. The presentation addressed issues related to repairing the markers, working with applications, and available funding. A list of pending markers was shared.

## **VIII. State Historic Preservation Officer Report**

SHPO Laura Trieschmann updated the Advisory Council on:

- The Abenaki cemetery in Highgate on Monument Road, where the trees have been removed and geo-engineering is now needed to determine the extent of rip-rap.



- Completion of a final draft of the HOME HUD agreement with VHCB; the programmatic agreement is now being reviewed by consulting parties and the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.
- Discussions with FHWA and VTrans continue for a new programmatic agreement based on the version utilized in Connecticut.
- Secretary Schirling's direction to request a new position with funding from the legislature for a facilities manager at the State Historic Sites.
- Deadlines for applications for historic preservation grants (October 1/review in December) and barn preservation grants (November 5/review in February).
- End of federal fiscal year is September 30.

#### **IX. New Business**

- Meeting schedule
  - October 18
  - November 15, afternoon
  - December 20
  - January 24
  - February 21
- No new announcements

#### **X. Adjourn & Tour of Kent Tavern**

Chair Vetter adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

The Advisory Council was treated to a tour of the Kent Tavern by Tracy Martin, and the art exhibit installed by Art in the Kent under the direction of David Schutz.