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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COUNCIL SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, 172 Pembroke Rd, Concord, NH 03301

Monday, July 29, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

SUMMER DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Chair – Jim Garvin; Vice Chair – Tim Sappington; Hollis Brodrick; Richard Thorner; Rick St Hilaire; Andrew Garthwaite; Erin Hammerstedt; Richard Boisvert; Ben Wilson

Others Present: Megan Rupnik – National Register & State Survey Coordinator; Amy Dixon - Community Preservation Coordinator; Cassidy Menczywor – Recording Secretary; Nadine Miller - Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Welcome – Jim Garvin called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.
- B. Announcements – None.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review minutes of previous meeting (April 29, 2024) – *A motion was made to approve the April minutes by Tim Sappington and seconded by Richard Boisvert. All were in favor, and none opposed.*
- B. Announcement of New Hampshire properties recently entered in the National Register of Historic Places – Megan Rupnik announced the listing of Mont Vernon Town Hall on May 14, 2024, and Kensington Town Center Historic District on July 3, 2024.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of DHR programs and priorities – Ben Wilson discussed projects at Stickney Ave, the McIntrye building easement signing, and the Laconia School bids to the Department of Administrative Services that were due 7/18/2024. He added that the bids will have to go through Governor and Council as well. Nadine Miller shared information she received from Mark Doperalski, State Archaeologist, regarding this summer's field school through SCRAP (State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program), which just wrapped up. This year, about 30 volunteers attended one of the two, 2-week sessions held at Mollidgewock State Park in Errol, NH. Excavation work continued at the



site which represents close to 8,000 years of history. Five hearths have been discovered along with many artifacts, which will make for a wonderful exhibit to be housed at the park. Mark is hoping to find funding in order to have carbon dating conducted to provide additional data for future research. Hollis Brodrick discussed his SHRC member recommendation of Francis Lord and Ben Wilson gave Hollis information on this process. Megan Rupnik discussed an upcoming nomination for Colburn Park with a boundary increase.

B. National Register of Historic Places

a. Nominations

- i. Keene, Unitarian Universalist Church – The Unitarian Universalist Church is recommended eligible for the National Register under Criteria C for Architecture and Art. The period of significance is 1894-1906.

A motion was made by Hollis Brodrick in favor of the nomination and was seconded by Richard Thorner. All present were in favor.

Discussion: Tim Sappington discussed the Berlin St Barnabus Church similarities. Discussion moved to skywall panels.

C. New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places-Nominations

a. Nominations

- i. Acworth, Village Store – The Acworth Village Store is recommended eligible for the State Register for its role in the development of commerce and trade in a small town and for representing the transition from rural self-sufficient farms to specialized industries and tradespeople. It is also being nominated as a well-preserved example of mid-19th century mixed-use commercial architecture. The period of significance is 1865-1974.

A motion was made by Andrew Garthwaite in favor of the nomination and was seconded by Erin Hammerstedt. All present were in favor.

Discussion: Discussion was had on the nomination photographs, the ceilings, and the windows.

- ii. Harrisville, Aldworth Stone Gateway – The Aldworth Stone Gateway is recommended eligible for the State Register for its

association with Harrisville's summer estate movement that occurred in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and as a structure that is directly associated with, although discontinuous from, the National Register-listed Aldworth Manor. The period of significance is 1906-1974.

Erin Hammerstedt abstains from vote due to conflict of interest as the author of the nomination and removes herself for the nomination "Harrisville, Aldworth Stone Gateway". A motion was made by Rick Hilaire in favor of the nomination and was seconded by Tim Sappington. All present were in favor.

Discussion: Discussion was had on the nomination photos and potential for a Moose Plate Grant for the left pillar. Discussion moved to the architect and importance of stone gateways in NH.

- iii. Manchester, First Baptist Church – The First Baptist Church is recommended eligible for the State Register for its association with the community life of Manchester and for its architecture. The period of significance is 1871-1974.

A motion was made by Richard Thorner in favor of the nomination and was seconded by Andrew Garthwaite. All present were in favor.

Discussion: Discussion was had on the bell and ventilation tower, then moved to the modillions under the eaves and brackets.

- iv. Northwood, Bryant Library – The Bryant Library is recommended eligible for the State Register for its connection to the history of libraries in New Hampshire, philanthropy, and for its architect-designed classical revival design. The period of significance is 1941-1974.

A motion was made by Andrew Garthwaite in favor of the nomination and was seconded by Tim Sappington. All present were in favor.

Discussion: Discussion was had on the current state of the building, the twin building in Loudon, WWII material shortages, lack of documentation on the architect, the short length of time the property was a library, and gravestones.

- v. Peterborough, Kyes-Sage House – The Kyes-Sage House is recommended eligible for the State Register for its Carpenter Gothic Style architecture. The period of significance is ca. 1845.

A motion was made by Hollis Brodrick in favor of the nomination and was seconded by Tim Sappington. All present were in favor.

Discussion: Discussion was had on the HVAC system, street being at risk of development, cornice drops and framing around door, and energy efficiency.

- vi. Stratham, Brown Farm – The Brown Farm is recommended eligible for the State Register for its historical associations, as a reflection of various themes and traditions of the town and state. The period of significance is 1769-1974.

A motion was made by Hollis Brodrick in favor of the nomination and was seconded by Richard Thorner. All present were in favor.

Discussion: Discussion was had on the chimney, period of significance, suburban development, and the front door and its hinges.

- vii. Wilton, First Unitarian Church – The First Unitarian Church is recommended eligible for the State Register for its role in the community as a center of social activity and for its architecture as it retains many character-defining features of the Greek revival style. The period of significance is 1861-1974.

A motion was made by Erin Hammerstedt in favor of the nomination and was seconded by Andrew Garthwaite. All present were in favor.

Discussion: Discussion was had on the age of the building, foundation, and potential for being included in a Historic District as well; considering the meetinghouse and playhouse.

PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER BUSINESS - Andrew Garthwaite questioned the status of the Historic Highway Marker Program and Ben Wilson announced the unveiling of the Betty Brook Marker on August 1st. He also announced the Durham Marker Revision plaque ordering and discussion was had on the DHR's administrative rules.

ADJOURNMENT - *A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Boisvert and seconded by Richard Thorner. All present were in favor.*