

HARTFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Wednesday, October 16, 2019  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Roy Black, Robin Adair Logan, Pat Stark and chair Jonathan Schechtman.

**Staff Present:** Town Planner Matt Osborn.

**Others Present:** Selectboard Liaison Dennis Brown.

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held in Room 2 of the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Chair Jonathan Schechtman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any additions to the agenda. Dennis Brown requested adding the World War I Monument. Matt Osborn requested adding an update of the Simon Pearce Project. The HHPC agreed.
2. Minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup> HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any corrections to the Minutes of September 18<sup>th</sup>. Pat Stark noted a correction. The Commission agreed. Pat Stark made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 18<sup>th</sup> with the noted correction. The motion was seconded by Roy Black and approved.
3. Paul Bruhn Memorial Service: Jonathan Schechtman reported that he attended the memorial service of Paul Bruhn, long-time executive director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont held in an historic barn at the Shelburne Farm. Paul was a dedicated professional who was involved with countless preservation projects throughout Vermont. Jonathan noted that the service was well-attended and included many intriguing stories of Paul's life. Paul will be greatly missed.
4. Quechee Gorge Bridge Permanent Fencing: Jonathan Schechtman reported that he attended the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting about the Quechee Gorge Bridge permanent fencing. He stated that the design work was well-received and the consensus was for a curved top, railing with small arches to resemble the truss bridge and darker green color. He also reported that work will be required to stabilize the ledge.
5. Taft's Flat Intensive Level Survey: Matt Osborn reported that he prepared a procurement memo for the town manager and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation as well as a draft contract with the consultant. He hopes to have a completed contract so consultant Brian Knight can begin work on the project shortly.
6. 2020 CLG Grant: Matt Osborn reported that applications for the CLG grant are due December 16<sup>th</sup>. He will begin work on the grant application in the next two weeks. The HHPC agreed to pursue hiring a consultant to facilitate a public process and develop a demolition ordinance. Matt noted that he will get a cost estimate for the project.
7. White River Junction Historic District Nomination: Matt Osborn reported that the White River Junction Nomination is in the process of being submitted to the National Park Service for their consideration. Matt noted that he requested the revised nomination from State Architectural Historian Devin Colman.

8. Valley Bible Church House: Robin Adair Logan reported that the house is structurally sound. She suggested that the Church should advertise that the house is available if someone is interested in moving the house. The HHPC agreed. Matt Osborn agreed to contact the Church. Robin Adair noted that there are similar houses in the neighborhood.
9. WWI Monument: Dennis Brown reported that on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW, there will be an event honoring the Hartford residents who served in World War I. He stated that they are looking for a speaker for the event. Dennis noted that there were 289 Hartford residents who served in World War I of which 7 died. Dennis noted that his wife Mary Kay has done research on the project and developed a powerpoint presentation for the event.
10. Simon Pearce Property Site Visit: Matt Osborn reported that he contacted Architect Jay Barrett about an update on the Simon Pearce Quechee Main Street project. Jay indicated that they are not quite ready to meet with the HHPC about their renovation plans. He hopes they will be ready to meet with the HHPC at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
11. Next HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman noted that the next HHPC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.
12. Adjournment: Pat Stark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Roy Black and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.