

MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION BY THE SCENERY PRESERVATION COUNCIL. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

**SCENERY PRESERVATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING
4th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MONTPELIER, VERMONT
June 13, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Michaels, Chairwoman
Tordis Isselhardt Matt Langham
Lew Sorenson Rep. Deb Evans
Jim Soudaide for Sue Minter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Fitzko Diane Gayer
Sen. Hull Maynard Sherry Tolle

STAFF: Peter Gregory
Tom Kennedy (absent)
John LaBarge (absent)

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Gladczuk, CVRPC
Don Lexler, Moretown Selectboard
Barb Harding, Addison County
Marianne Riordan, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jill Michaels called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2005

MOTION by Lew Sorenson, SECOND by Tordis Isselhardt, to approve the 5/9/05 minutes as written. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

**2. BYWAY RECERTIFICATION /DECERTIFICATION: VERGENNES;
MIDDLEBURY**

Peter Gregory explained the procedure for recertification. The renewal application and associated documents were provided to the Scenery Preservation Council. Barb Harding, Addison County, reported Middlebury is considering extending their designation south (Route 30) to include Cornwall and Whiting. The Cornwall Planning Commission is interested and suggested the idea be presented to the Cornwall Selectboard (which will be done when more information is received on Route 30 through Rutland). Jill Michaels confirmed the SPC feels this is an important piece of the Route 30 work. The SPC will review the renewal materials and take action at the next meeting.

3. REVIEW OF FY06 WORK PROGRAM

Copies of the FY06 Work Plan were distributed. The SPC budget for FY06 is level funded with FY05 (90/10 federal/state split). There was discussion of support for scenic byways by Historic Preservation, Tourism and Marketing, and Economic Development

and having more resources targeted to scenic byways. It was agreed the SPC needs to be stronger in developing resources through the legislature, agencies, and applying for grants for particular projects. The SPC would like a more descriptive piece within the Work Plan regarding conferences (mention opportunities statewide and regionally). The SPC would like to see actual hours versus budgeted hours in the Work Plan to be reviewed two or three times a year. Staff time for program outreach was discussed. A note under Item 2.A in the Work Plan is needed explaining staff time to visit cell towers is not covered in the budget (SPC members can visit cell towers or send a representative). Peter Gregory will make changes to the Work Plan as discussed: 1) add a note to Item 2.A regarding visits to cell towers by staff; 2) add a descriptive piece about conferences statewide and regionally; 3) provide a profile of commitment of staff time which peaks during national conferences, for example, but is a continuum for other tasks; 4) show budgeted hours versus actual hours in the Work Plan; 5) do a timeline of major efforts (when staff hours are being expended and for what tasks).

4. ROUTE 100B/ROUTE 100 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN EFFORT

Don Lexler, Moretown Selectboard, and Steve Gladczuk, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, gave a history of the corridor management study for Route 100 and 100B from Middlesex to the intersection of 100 (Moretown). The committee includes members of the selectboard, residents, business people, the town clerk, chamber of commerce. The application will be finalized at the end of the month and the towns along the corridor will vote to submit the application to the SPC for consideration. There were no negative comments expressed at the public hearing that was held. Another public hearing is scheduled to develop goals, policies, and an implementation plan. The eight mile section of Route 100 south through Fayston, Waitsfield, and Warren will be studied. The Granville Selectboard is interested in designating Route 100 within the state preserve. Matt Langham stressed the need to meet with DTA on the byway plan. Don Lexler spoke of a seventh intrinsic quality of scenic byways to add to the six stated in the application, and that being the teaching of people and cars to coexist. Besides pullovers for scenic views, there could be bumper stickers promoting driver safety programs. Route 100B has an eight foot shoulder which is good for bikes, but cars on the road travel too fast for the secondary road.

Peter Gregory will forward the byway application materials to CVRPC (sponsor) for the eight mile section. Matt Langham mentioned the Catch-22 situation where federal funds are no longer available since byways funds are not allocated without a corridor management plan, but a corridor management plan can not be done with federal funding for the study.

5. UPDATES and OTHER BUSINESS

Fairlee

Peter Gregory reported funding for the project (Fairlee being a waypoint center) is falling apart. The money will be taken by Federal Highway and redistributed nationally. The state must reimburse \$16,000 of the federal funds which was spent on the project. Promotional materials (information panels, website, brochure) for the site must be

amended since Fairlee is not a waypoint center. The cost of this task is estimated at \$20,000.

Granville

Staff reported Granville is interested in scenic byway designation, but towns to the south (Hancock, Rochester) are not.

Website Update

Matt Langham will follow up on staff to handle updating the SPC website.

Cell Towers

The SPC is not involved with cell towers. The item has not moved in the legislature either.

Federal Money for the Molly Stark Trail

No new information. VTrans has monthly spending authority only.

6. NEXT MEETING and AGENDA ITEMS

August Meeting: Monday, August 8, 2005, 10 a.m. to Noon, Montpelier

Agenda Items:

- Work Program and Budget
- Recertification of Middlebury/Vergennes
- Website Updating

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tordis Isselhardt, SECOND by Matt Langham, to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by M. Riordan, Recording Secretary.

“To Do” List from 6/13/05 SPC meeting:

1. Sen. Maynard volunteered to speak to Sen. Ayer about extending the designation of Route 30 (Middlebury to Brattleboro).
2. Matt Langham will check into having a VTrans employee update the SPC website.
3. Peter Gregory will do the following FY06 Work Plan changes: 1) Add a note to Item 2.A regarding visits to cell towers by staff; 2) Add a descriptive piece about conferences statewide and regionally; 3) Provide a profile of commitment of staff time which peaks during national conferences, for example, but is a continuum for other tasks; 4) Show budgeted hours versus actual hours in the Work Plan; 5) Do a timeline of major efforts (when staff hours are being expended and for what tasks).
4. Peter Gregory will send emails addresses to SPC members and provide Deb Evans with background information on SPC projects.
5. Peter Gregory will forward necessary information to Steve Gladczuk regarding Route 100B byway certification.
6. The SPC will take action on the Vergennes, Middlebury re/decertification at the next meeting.