

Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Subject to Review and approval
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom Video Conference

Members present: Eric Gilbertson (Chair), Robert McCullough (Vice Chair), Paul Carnahan, and Linden Chozinska. Guests: Yana Walder and Dawn Angeny-Kress

1. Call to Order. 7:06 P.M.

2. Public Comments. Ms. Walder noted that she was having problems submitting her application for appointment to the Commission.

3. Approval of the Agenda. Approved unanimously.

4. Comments from the Chair. No news on the Post Office project, other than a likelihood that the sale will move to a public auction. A bill is pending in the legislature to provide funding for short-term acquisition of the building by an LBC corporation being organized by the Foundation for Resilience in Montpelier. Separately, Yana will be meeting with Alan Goldman on Thursday to discuss management of the Redstone property.

5. Section 106 Review: New Mountaineers' Clubhouse at Elm Street Recreation Fields, which have been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as an historic cultural landscape. Commission members reviewed the design of the building and recommended a finding of no adverse effect. A discussion followed regarding a name for the building, with consensus that "Clubhouse" would work very well, which will be a change from the name "Support Facility" used in the grant application. The color will be compatible with the dark green used for the grandstand and its related buildings, and the building will be owned by the city.

HPC reviewed a draft Section 106 letter. Eric asked that a sentence be added to the beginning thanking the State for requesting assistance from the HPC. Bob made a motion for the HPC to approve Bob and Eric to finalize the draft letter with more detail about the proposal, with staff to send it when complete. Paul seconded. During discussion, Eric noted that the letter should include a statement that the new building will help assure future use of the grandstand, baseball field, and other resources at the Recreation Field. Bob agreed to add a paragraph. The motion carried, 4-0. Dawn thanked the HPC and Meredith for their time and effort on this project.

6. Review and Approve Minutes: 02/10/2026. Bob moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Eric seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

7. Other Business - Meredith noted that design proposals for 87 Elm Street by Downstreet are pending and she will keep HPC informed. Next meeting will be April 14th.

8. Adjournment. 7:40 PM