

Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Subject to Review and approval

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom Video Conference

Members present: Eric Gilbertson (Chair), Paul Carnahan, Yana Walder, and Linden Chozinska
Others Present: Meredith Crandall

Members Absent: Robert McCullough and Bryan Jones

1. Call to Order. 7:11 P.M.
2. Public Comments. None.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Approved 3-0. Linden arrived after agenda approval.
4. Comments from the Chair. None.
5. Review Draft Letter re: 87 State St (Federal Building): Commission reviewed and extensively discussed letter drafted by Bob and Yana. A few discrete edits were agreed upon, including language suggested by Eric, and the list of addressees was narrowed to GSA contact and City Leadership and Staff, with a number of other entities copied.

Commission discussed but did not ultimately agree on next steps – including how best to coordinate with the Foundation for a Resilient Montpelier. Commission agreed that Staff would circulate the updated draft, clearly labeled as “DRAFT”, and the Commission would discuss again at the regular June meeting. Should something happen to make the letter more urgent, Staff will try to coordinate a special meeting.
6. Review and Approve Minutes: 04/14/2026. Tabled to the next meeting.
7. Other Business
 - Eric noted that historic preservation is making national news with recent actions by the President and resulting lawsuits.
 - Next meeting will be June 9th.
 - Paul mentioned upcoming Historic Trivia night, and the Historic Maps Talk on Sunday.

8. Adjournment. 8:12 PM