

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Britta Tonn, Chair; Doug Johnson; Sue O'Brien; Maggie Hicks

City Staff Present: Ravi Venkataraman, Director of City Planning

Guests Present:

Call to Order by: Britta

Meeting Start Time: 6:04 pm

Minutes Recorded by: Ravi

II. Changes to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Sue, seconded by Doug, to approve the August 12, 2026 meeting minutes.

Discussion: Doug suggested a minor change on the first page.

Voting unanimous. Motion carried.

V. Section 106 Review: 31 East Spring Street

Ravi gave an overview of the proposed project and the purpose of Section 106 Review. Britta gave background on the role of Section 106 review for telecommunication projects. Britta and Doug noted that the proposed antenna would be minimally visible because of its location on the building and the surrounding vegetation. Doug and Sue said given that the existing antenna at a similar height, the visual impact would be minimal. Ravi and the board discussed the ground-level structures, and the proposed screening.

Motion by Doug, seconded by Sue, to state that the board has no concerns with the proposed project at 31 East Spring ST. Voting: unanimous. Motion carried.

VI. City Updates

Ravi said that the Armory project is on the Development Review Board's meeting agenda for next week. Ravi gave an update on the status of the Comprehensive Plan.

VII. Other Business

Britta overviewed the proposed changes to Section 106 at the federal level that would remove Certified Local Governments as a consulting party for projects. Britta said that this would deeply negatively impact historic preservation in the United States. Britta posted the following links in the chat for more information:

- <https://culturalheritagepartners.com/war-room-for-threats-to-section-106/>
- <https://www.vermontpublic.org/show/vermont-edition/2026-08-26/how-proposed-federal-changes-could-impact-vermonts-historic-sites>

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by: Doug

Second: Britta

Meeting End Time: 6:45 pm

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