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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16).

1. Name of Property

historic name Bethel Village Historic District Amendment (Boundary Increase)

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Vermont 107 (River Street)

NA not for publication

city, town Bethel

vicinity

state Vermont

code VT

county Windsor

code 027

zip code 05032

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing:

NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

Signature of certifying official

Date 4/2/90

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- Entered in the National Register. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)

Entered in the National Register

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action 5/24/90

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwellingDOMESTIC/multiple dwellingTRANSPORTATION/road-related

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwellingDOMESTIC/multiple dwellingTRANSPORTATION/road-relatedCOMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN/ItalianateLATE VICTORIAN/Stick/EastlakeOTHER: Warren through truss bridge

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls WeatherboardAsbestosroof Metalother Steel

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See continuation sheet for description.

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This amendment to the Bethel Village Historic District, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on September 3, 1976, increases the boundary to include the River Street Bridge and two residential buildings located southwest of the historic district on River Street, which abuts the original boundary line along the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway. Recent research and the completion of a bridge survey has found that these structures make an important contribution to the significance of the district and meets the National Register criteria for eligibility.

73. Riverside Apartments (River Street), c.1885.

The Riverside Apartments is a gable-end, symmetrical Stick Style, three bays wide and three bays deep, with synthetic siding, a standing seam roof and two corbelled interior chimneys on the ridge. The facade is marked by a one-story pedimented, gable-roof, Italianate style porch in the center bay, with chamfered grouped posts on paneled pedestals, pilasters, a moulded balustrade, and decorative pierced brackets. The entrance has paneled double doors with large rectangular lights and a transom light. Decorative brackets appear under the wide overhanging eaves, and support circular cross-bracing in the gable ends and the gable-roof dormer above the entrance. The gables are further ornamented by small pentoid windows, and incised vertical boards that are layed in a curved pattern and cover the upper portion of the gable walls. The south elevation has a one-story, flat-roof canted bay with incised brackets. The house is connected to a two-story, gable-roof barn, with a pyramidal-roof cupola, by several gable- and shed-roof ells. This house is architecturally significant for its Stick Style ornamentation at the gable ends and in the dormers. The style is not often found in Vermont.

74. Rathdowney Limited (3 River Street), c.1875.

3 River Street is a symmetrical Italianate house, three bays wide and two bays deep, with clapboards on the first story, synthetic siding on the second story, and a simple cornice with paired brackets under the wide overhanging eaves of a low hipped roof with a deck. A centered flat-roof porch with square posts, a balustrade and a bracketed cornice marks the facade. The entrance has paneled double doors with round-arched lights. The 2-over-2 windows have simple

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wooden cap moldings. A corbeled brick interior chimney marks the north end of the roof. A small gable-roof porch appears at the corner of the rear elevation, and the rear ell and barn have gable roofs as well. This house is architecturally significant as a good example of the Italianate style as seen in the low hipped roof, and the bracketed cornice and entrance porch.

75. River Street Bridge, 1928.

River Street crosses the White River over a two-lane steel through truss bridge of the Parker truss type with riveted construction and five I-beam approach spans at each end, of which, the southern approach is curved. The bridge spans 203' in length and 21' across. The top chord of the bridge is a box girder with a latticed underside, while two channels with stay plates form the bottom chord. The verticals and diagonals consist of I-beams, and the counter diagonal and horizontal stiffener are paired channels joined by lattice bars. The top, sway, and portal bracing are plate-girder struts with cross-bracing of latticed paired angles, crossed angles with a central upright, and two panels of crossed angles with a central upright, respectively. The floor system consists of rolled I-section floor beams, five I-beam stringers, T-section bottom cross-bracing, a concrete slab floor and no curb. Two-rail guardrails are built up of angles and channels on T-section stanchions. A sidewalk, on plate-girder outriggers with a pipe rail and square-stock balusters, marks the west side of the bridge, and concrete lamp posts appear at both ends.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Engineering

Period of Significance

c.1875-1928

Significant Dates

c.1875
c.1885
1928

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

NA

Architect/Builder

Hosmer, C.I., General Contractor

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet for statement of significance.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property ± 2.25

UTM References

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B

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Zone Easting Northing

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

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This bridge is significant as a representative example of the bridges built as a result of the 1927 flood, a major episode in Vermont's 20th-century history and an engineering effort of heroic proportions. The bridge uses the standardized design and economical construction which characterized the state's efforts to re-build a large number of bridges as quickly as possible. The Parker through truss was used for nearly all spans greater than 150'. Rolled I-beams (mostly of one size) were used for most members where earlier bridges had built-up members, thus saving fabrication time and expense. This bridge was fabricated by Bethlehem Steel Company in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for a Massachusetts-based general contractor. Bethlehem Steel was a large steel company, but not heavily represented among the bridges of Vermont.

The two houses included in this district extension are good examples of late 19th century architectural styles and are significant to the Bethel Village Historic District as a whole. Building #73 is noteworthy for its Stick Style ornamentation. This style is relatively rare in the state of Vermont. Building #74 is a good example of an Italianate style cube house.

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Bethel Village Historic District Amendment (Boundary Increase)
Boundary Description

The boundary of the Bethel Village Historic District Amendment begins at a Point P at the intersection of the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway track and the west property line (or extension thereof) of the Riverside Apartments (#73); thence proceeding southwesterly and perpendicular from the track along said property line to the main waterline of the north bank of the White River at a Point Q; thence proceeding southeasterly along said waterline to a Point R at the intersection of the west side of the River Street Bridge (#75); thence proceeding southwesterly along the west side of said bridge over the White River to the southwest corner of said bridge to a Point S; thence proceeding southeasterly 21' across River Street to the southeast corner of said bridge to a Point T; thence proceeding northeasterly along the eastern edge of said bridge over the White River to the main waterline of the north bank of said river to a Point U; thence proceeding southeasterly along said waterline to the east property line (or extension thereof) of Rathdowney Limited (#74) to a point V; thence proceeding northeasterly along said property line to the centerline of the Central Vermont Railway track to a Point W; thence proceeding northwesterly along said track to the point of origin, Point P.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Bethel Village Historic District Amendment extends the existing Bethel Village Historic District to include two residential buildings and the historic River Street Bridge, which crosses the White River south of the existing historic district. The boundary lines follow the property lines of the buildings (both contributing) and the structure of the bridge, which are visually and historically linked to the existing district.

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Property Owners List

73. Riverside Apartments	Lee and Joyce Richardson Bethel, Vermont 05032
74. Rathdowney Limited	Rathdowney Limited 3 River Street Bethel, Vermont 05032
75. River Street Bridge	State of Vermont Agency of Transportation Montpelier, Vermont 05602

BETHEL VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT AMENDMENT

NOT TO SCALE

CONTRIBUTING :	□
EXISTING BOUNDARY :	- - - - -
AMENDED BOUNDARY :	- · - · - ·

