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### **The Shires of Vermont now a Regional Stakeholder Group under the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership**

We are pleased to report that the Shires of Vermont Regional Marketing Organization (The Shires RMO) has been recently recognized as a Regional Stakeholder Group for the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (or CVNHP). The CVNHP is one of 49 Heritage Partnerships throughout the United States. These partnerships are designated by the federal government and are intended to encourage historic preservation and appreciation of the history and heritage of a region.

The Shires RMO is a volunteer non-profit group that works to encourage cooperation between the north and south shires on a wide variety of interests for the improvement of the region as a whole. The group is led by chamber executives from both Manchester and Bennington, along with a diverse group of interested volunteers, business owners, municipal officers, and community leaders.

The purpose of the RSG is to provide discussion forums, promote collaborative efforts, and offer professional networking opportunities among stakeholder organizations, municipalities, and interested individuals in our region. This also allows us access to new areas of potential funding through grants made available through the CVNHP.

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Shires RSG, you are encouraged to join us at our next meeting on June 26, 9 am, at the Arlington Inn on Route 7a in Arlington, VT. You can also email our RSG coordinator, Jonah Spivak, at [jonah@sover.net](mailto:jonah@sover.net) or call 802-384-2542.

Support for The Shires of Vermont Regional Stakeholder Group comes from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership. For more information about the CVNHP, visit [www.champlainvalleynhp.org](http://www.champlainvalleynhp.org)