

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL

Historic Preservation Council  
March 11, 2015

Department of Economic and Community Development  
One Constitution Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hartford, CT

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chair Nelson, Dr. Jones, Ms. Gilvarg, Ms. Kane, Dr. Faber  
**Absent:** Dr. Harris, Ms. Maher, Dr. Woodward  
**Staff:** Dan Forrest, Todd Levine, Jenny Scofield, Doug Royalty, Mary Dunne,  
Cathy Labadia, Karin Peterson

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am.

2. **REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES**

Chair Nelson reviewed the public comment procedures.

3. **CODE OF CONDUCT/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Ms. Gilvarg read the code of conduct and ethics statement. The following conflict of interest was reported:

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| Dan Forrest | 6C Teale Memorial Sanctuary, Hampton |
| Todd Levine | 6A Scoville Farmstead, Cornwall      |

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion by Ms. Gilvarg, seconded by Dr. Faber was made to approve the meeting minutes of December 3, 2014.

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

A motion by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Faber was made to approve the meeting minutes of January 7, 2015.

(Y-4; N-0; Abstained: Chair Nelson)

**5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

- A. Statute of Sub-Committee** – discussion was postponed for next month’s HPC meeting

**6. NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE REGISTER**

**A. Scoville Farmstead, Cornwall**

Mr. Levine leaves the room at 9:41 am.

Motion by Ms. Kane, seconded by Dr. Jones

**State Register Nomination for the Scoville-Moser-Griggs Farmstead, 66 and 67 Scoville Road, Cornwall, Connecticut**

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Scoville-Moser-Griggs Farmstead, 66 and 67 Scoville Road, Cornwall, on the State Register of Historic Places.**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

Mr. Levine returns to room at 9:43 am.

**B. Charcoal Mound, People’s State Forest, Barkhamsted**

Motion by Dr. Faber, seconded by Ms. Kane

**State Register Nomination for the Charcoal Mound, People’s State Forest, Greenwood Road, Barkhamsted, Connecticut**

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Charcoal Mound, People’s State Forest, Greenwood Road, on the State Register of Historic Places.**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

**C. Teale Memorial Sanctuary, Hampton**

Mr. Forrest leaves the room at 9:45 am.

Motion by Ms. Gilvarg, seconded by Dr. Jones

**State Register Nomination for the Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary, 93 Kenyon Road, Hampton, Connecticut**

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to list Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary, 93 Kenyon Road, Hampton, on the State Register of Historic Places.**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

Mr. Forrest returns to the room at 9:51

**D. Chapel of Fitch's Home for Soldiers and Their Orphans, Darien**

Motion by Dr. Faber, seconded by Ms. Gilvarg

**State Register Nomination for the Chapel of Fitch's Home for Soldiers and Their Orphans, 205 Noroton Avenue, Darien, Connecticut**

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Chapel of Fitch's Home for Soldiers and Their Orphans, 205 Noroton Avenue, Darien, on the State Register of Historic Places.**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

7. HISTORIC DISTRICT/PROPERTIES

8. PROGRAM REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

9. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

C. **Certified Local Government Grants**

1. **City of Stamford, HRI for Glenbrook, Stamford**

Motion by Ms. Kane, seconded by Dr. Jones

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the award of Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant, funded by the Community Investment Act, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown.**

**All Grant guidelines and state requirements shall be met by the below-listed applicant upon receipt of a grant as administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Staff recommends the application for funding.**

**Applicant: City of Stamford, CT**  
**Project: Historic Resources Inventory for Glenbrook neighborhood**  
**Amount: \$24,000.00**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

**2. Town of South Windsor, Pre-development study for Priest Farm, South Windsor**

Motion by Dr. Faber, seconded by Dr. Jones

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the award of a Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant, funded by the Community Investment Act to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown.**

**All grant guidelines and state requirements shall be met by the below-listed applicant upon receipt of a grant administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.**

**Staff recommends the application for funding.**

**Applicant: Town of South Windsor  
Project: Pre-development studies for restoration and reuse of Priest Farm  
Amount: \$24,000.00**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

**D. Survey and Planning Grants**

**1. Trinity Episcopal Church, Design Development plans and specs, Torrington**

Motion by Ms. Gilvarg, seconded by Dr. Jones

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to approve a Survey and Planning Grant, funded by the Community Investment Act and administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown below.**

**All grant guidelines and state requirements shall be met by the below-listed applicant upon receipt of a grant administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.**

**Staff recommends the application for funding.**

**Applicant: Trinity Episcopal Church, Torrington  
Project: Design Development Level Plans and specifications for a roof replacement  
Amount: \$16,750.00**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

**2. Pequot Library, Conditions Assessment & Design Development plans and specs, Fairfield**

Motion by Ms. Gilvarg, seconded by Dr. Faber

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to approve a Survey and Planning Grant, funded by the Community Investment Act and administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown below.**

**All grant guidelines and state requirements shall be met by the below-listed applicant upon receipt of a grant administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.**

**Staff recommends the application for funding.**

**Applicant: Pequot Library, Fairfield  
Project: Conditions Assessment and Design Development Level plans and specifications  
Amount: \$20,000.00**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

**F. Partners in Preservation Grant**

**1. Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, Circuit Riders**

Motion by Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kane

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to approve a Partners In Preservation Grant, funded by the Community Investment Act and administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown below.**

**All grant guidelines and state requirements shall be met by the below-listed applicant upon receipt of a grant administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.**

**Staff recommends the application for funding.**

**Applicant: CT Trust for Historic Preservation  
Project: Circuit Rider program  
Amount: \$329,506 over 2 years**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

10. THREATENED PROPERTIES UPDATE

11. PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS

12. ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVES

A. **Nomination of Charcoal Mound**

Motion by Dr. Faber, seconded by Dr. Jones

**The Connecticut Historic Preservation Council votes to establish the Charcoal Mound at People's State Forest as a State Archaeological Preserve pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-384.**

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain: Chair Nelson)

13. REPORT ON MUSEUM PROPERTIES

Please see report submitted by Karin Peterson.

14. REPORT ON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ACTIVITIES

Dan Forrest reported the following: Interviews for the position of Head of Culture will be conducted within a week. We hope that the candidate identified will be offered the job by the end of the month.

Regarding the Governor's budget, there are very significant cuts across many of the sectors. The culture, humanities, historic preservation and tourism sectors are particularly hard hit under the Governor's proposal.

CT Humanities and the cultural sectors have been zeroed out. That's a \$2,000,000 cut for our partner the CT Humanities.

The Historic Preservation Office would take over a 75% reduction in funding, almost all of it from the Community Investment Act (CIA) portion. \$5.1 million dollars would be taken out of our existing balances by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current fiscal year. Half of the revenue for next year's FY16 would be moved to the general fund and 100% of the CIA funding for the second half of the biennium FY17 would be moved to the general fund also. This would require a substantial reduction in our programmatic support, particularly the grant programs.

We would have sufficient funds to cover the salaries that are currently paid out of CIA as well as fund the grants that we have already awarded. This would greatly impact the available funds not just Survey and Planning but mainly on Historic Restoration Fund (HRF) our most active

bricks and mortar program. It is very likely that we would have to suspend HRF for FY16 & FY17.

A number of additional partners are facing significant cuts under this proposal. All the cultural and line items are eliminated with the exception of the Amistad Vessel. That includes funds to the CT Trust and the Main Street Initiatives program.

A portion of the money that was saved by the elimination of the cultural line items is reallocated to the arts office – a total of about \$3.9m that would be used for competitive arts granting. The non arts institutions have no immediate access to operating support through our existing programs.

There is already ongoing discussion for how to lessen the blow to many of our major partners statewide. The line items discussion has a decade's long history and there have been previous proposals to eliminate or significant reduce those from the general funds budget. They have always been restored if not completely to their previous status.

DECD is taking a different approach towards our conversations with the Governor's budget. We will be convening all of the line item recipients to have a discussion for how we can best serve the needs of the entire sector with the funds we would have available.

We greatly appreciate the advocates continuing to voice their concerns about the cuts to our programs. We are hopeful that the final budget will have some adjustments made so that our programs are not bearing such a large brunt of the cuts.

15. GENERAL DISCUSSION

16. LIAISON WITH PUBIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES

17. OLD BUSINESS

18. NEW BUSINESS

19. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Gilvarg to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am. The next Historic Preservation Council meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2015 at 9:30 am, One Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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Administrative Assistant