

**Department of Economic and Community Development
State Historic Preservation Office**

**Historic Preservation Council Meeting
March 6, 2013
One Constitution Plaza 2nd Floor
Hartford, Connecticut**

Minutes

PRESENT: Sara Nelson, Chair; Nick Bellantoni, Charlene Cutler; Margaret Faber; Wilson Faude; Karen Gilvarg; Katherine Harris; Katherine Kane, Kathleen Maher, Norma Williams, Walter Woodward

STAFF: Kip Bergstrom; Julie Carmelich; Susan Chandler; Mary Dunne; Daniel Forrest, Todd Levine, Laura Mancuso; Stacey Vairo

ABSENT: Jack Robbins

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nelson at 9:35am.

2. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Chair Nelson reviewed the public comment procedures.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chair Nelson read the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest statement. Council members and staff reported the following potential conflict of interest:

Todd Levine (Staff):	Agenda Item 8C, Ct Agricultural Heritage (former coordinator for barn program for CT Trust)
Laura Mancuso (Staff):	Agenda Item 6B, Town of Brookfield (Municipal Historian)

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Maher to approve the minutes of February 6, 2013.

Y-10; N-0; Abstained: Chair Nelson

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES – no reports

6. NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE REGISTER

A. Barnabas Hatch House, Kent, CT

Motion by Dr. Faber, seconded by Ms. Cutler.

The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Barnabas Hatch House, 170 South Kent Road, Kent, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places.

John Simoncelli, South Kent School spoke on behalf of the application.

(Y-10; Abstained: Chair Nelson)

B. Connecticut's Agricultural Heritage: Multiple Properties

Mr. Levine left the room at 9:42 am.

Motion by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Dr. Harris.

The Historic Preservation votes to list the Connecticut's Agricultural Heritage Multiple Property Documentation Form, 10 sites (as shown below), on the State Register Historic Places.

- 1. Burlingame Farm, 65-70 Burlingame Road, Killingly**
- 2. Ben Palestsky Cattle Farm/South Farms, 21 Higbie Road, Morris**
- 3. Dudley House and Barns, 167 Sea Hill Road, North Branford**
- 4. The Hickories Farm, 136 Lounsbury Road, Ridgefield**
- 5. White Silo Farm and Winery, 32 Route 37 East, Sherman**
- 6. Camp Pomperaug/Children's Burn Camp, 1174 Buckley Highway, Union**
- 7. Fairfield County Hounds, 104 Botsford Hill Road, Roxbury**
- 8. Thistledown Farm, 119 Botsford Hill Road, Roxbury**
- 9. Toplands Farm/Double D Living History Farm, 102 Painter Hill Road, Roxbury**
- 10. Patterson/Seidel/Double D Ranch, 13 Painter Ridge Road, Roxbury**

(Y-10; N-0; Abstained: Chair Nelson)

7. HISTORIC DISTRICTS/PROPERTIES – no business

8. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

C. Certified Local Government Grant

Motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Maher.

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 as administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Applicant: Town of Brookfield
Project: Structural Engineer Consulting Services for Gurski Homestead
Grant: \$5,000.00

(Y-9; N-0; Abstained: Chair Nelson and Mr. Faude)

8. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT

D.1 Survey and Planning Grant: Finnish American Heritage Society

Motion to remove from the table by Ms. Gilvarg, seconded by Ms. Culter.

The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the award of a Survey and Planning 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.

Applicant: Finnish American Heritage Society
Project: Survey project under “Our Places, Our Stories” funding initiative
Grant: \$30,000.00

(Y-0; N-10; Abstained: Chair Nelson)

The following motion with additional information was offered in substitution:

Motion by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Ms. Williams.

The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the award of a Survey and Planning 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.

Applicant: Finnish American Heritage Society
Project: Survey project under “Our Places, Our Stories” funding initiative
Grant: \$28,000.00

(Y-6; N-Mr. Faude; Abstained – Chair Nelson, Dr. Faber, Ms. Maher)

See Agenda item 12 for formation of Council sub-committee to work with SHPO staff to clarify / focus the OPOS application criteria and development of range of outcomes depending on the capacities/resources of the individual communities the department hopes to attract and serve.

D.2 Survey and Planning Grant: Friends of Sherwood Island State Park

Motion by Dr. Faber, seconded by Ms. Culter.

The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the award of a Survey and Planning 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 *Historic Preservation Council* upon receipt of a grant as administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Applicant: Friends of Sherwood Island State Park
Project: Archaeological Testing
Grant: \$9,225.00

(Y-10; N-0; Abstained: Chair Nelson)

9. PROTECTION OF THREATENED PROPERTIES – no business

10. PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS – no business

11. ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVES – no business

12. PROGRAMS REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

Sara Bronin, Voladizo, LLC, presented Part A and Part B of the Report Regarding Federal and State Tax Credit Programs. Part A is a summary of 20 relevant opportunities in support of the broad theme of “placemaking”. Part B focuses on existing tax credit programs and contains recommendations for better utilization for the federal and state historic tax credit programs. The recommendations will evolve with additional input from identified stakeholders.

Chair Nelson formed a subcommittee for possible revisions to the “Our Places, Our Stories Program guidelines”. The sub-committee includes Dr. Harris, Ms. Kane (Chair), Ms. Maher, and Dr. Woodward.

13. REPORT ON MUSEUM PROPERTIES – Karin Peterson

Please refer to Report on Museums, submitted by Karin Peterson, Museum Director.

14. **REPORT ON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ACTIVITIES**

15. **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

16. **LIAISON WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES (FOR THOSE PRESENT)**

Anita Mielert, President of CT Preservation Action spoke about their current efforts to expand the residential tax credit program within the state. Ms. Mielert also invited Council members to *Mills and Their Villages* – a seminar on the tools available to corporations, municipalities and individuals for revitalization of historic mills. The half day seminar will be held on April 19, 2013 at the Manchester History Center.

17. **OLD BUSINESS** – no business

18. **NEW BUSINESS** – no business

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made, and moved. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.

Next Council Meeting

The next Historic Preservation Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 9:30 am, One Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT.