

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**

**Historic Preservation Council  
November 2, 2011  
One Constitution Plaza 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hartford, Connecticut**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Beeble, Dr. Bellantoni, Vice Chair Churchill, Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Green, and Mr. Hughes

**Staff:** Susan Chandler, Mary Donohue, Julie Carmelich, Daniel Forrest, Laura Mancuso, Karin Peterson, Stacey Vairo, and Alan Ponanski, AAG.

**Absent:** Dr. Robbins, Mr. Wills, and Dr. Woodward

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Beeble at 9:35 a.m. He noted that copies of the public comment procedures were available to the public at the door.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, second by Dr. Bellantoni, to approve the minutes of October 5, 2011, with corrections. (Y-6, N-0)

No meetings have been held for the Executive Committee.

Chairman Beeble requested that the order of the agenda be shifted for scheduling reasons. All members agreed.

**NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Motion by Mrs. Green seconded by Dr. Bellantoni:

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to list Kensington Grammar School, 462 Ailing Street, Berlin, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places.**

(Y-6, N-0)

Lucas Kamazinas, preservation consultant, described the property and spoke in favor of the nomination.

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Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. Costello:  
**The Historic Preservation Council votes to list Hotel America, 5 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places.**  
(Y-6, N-0)

Lucas Kamazinas, preservation consultant, described the property and spoke in favor of the nomination.

Chairman Beeble left the room at 9:49 a.m. noting that as an employee of the City of Stamford that he wished to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. Vice Chair Churchill assumed the duties of Chair.

Motion by Dr. Bellantoni, seconded by Mrs. Green:  
**The Historic Preservation Council votes to list Sterling Farms, 1347 Newfield, Street, Stamford, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places.**  
(Y-4, N-0, 1 Recused – Chairman Beeble, 1 Abstained - Costello)

Nils Kerschus, preservation consultant, described the property and spoke in favor of the nomination.

Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations for the City of Stamford, addressed the City's efforts to upgrade and expand the facility. He also discussed the use of the Kweskin Theatre. Orgera questioned the boundary of the nomination and the inclusion of the entire property.

A bound "Objection to the Nomination of 1347 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT (Sterling Farms Golf Course) to the State Register of Historic Places," dated November 2, 2100, was submitted to members. Attorney William Henneey, representing the Stamford Golf Authority, stated that his client objects to the proposed listing. He noted his great respect for the Historic Preservation Council and for those who put the nomination together. However, it is his opinion that some of the structures and features included do not contribute. He stated that his client would be open to the designation of some of the buildings, but not all. Attorney Hennessey opined that the property does not meet the criteria and that if this property is eligible, then everything must be eligible.

Renee Kahn, Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program, expressed surprise at the objection. She described the history of the gentleman's farm in Stamford and indicated that at one time there were approximately sixty and that only five are now identifiable. Her opinion is that

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Sterling Farms is the best of those remaining and the most intact survivor. Ms. Kahn spoke of the local significance and the high public visibility of the site. She also discussed the importance of the main house to the property.

Attorney Hennessey made comments in reply and re-stated the position that the property is compromised.

Dr. Bellantoni spoke of the structures and the landscape. Nils Kerchus explained that the farm was historically much larger, however, the property has had the current boundaries since 1920.

Mrs. Costello expressed concern that she would not have a chance to review all the objection materials submitted at the meeting. Vice Chair Churchill asked if she wished to have the matter tabled. Mrs. Costello made a motion to table. Motions to table are non-debatable. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Brad Schide, Connecticut Preservation Trust, spoke in favor of the nomination.

Mrs. Green spoke in support of the nomination.

Discussion ended.

Chairman Beeble returned to the room after the vote, at 10:20 a.m.

Stacey Vairo, State Register Coordinator, requested that St. Francis Xavier School in Waterbury be removed from the agenda as an action item. A completed nomination, when received, will be considerate at a later date.

**CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

Motion by Mrs. Costello, seconded by Mr. Hughes:

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the award of a Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown below. All Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant guidelines and state requirements shall be met by the below-listed applicant upon receipt of such grant as administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. (Y-6, N-0)**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
<b>Town of Hamden</b>	<b>Architectural History Walking Tour Brochure</b>	<b>\$30,000.</b>

**SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANTS**

Motion by Mrs. Green, seconded by Dr. Bellantoni:

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the grant awards listed below. Funded by the Community Investment Act administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. All state and federal requirements shall be met by the applicants upon receipt of a grant. (Y-6, N-0)**

**Town of Chester**

**Architectural Services for ADA, expansion and mechanical systems** \$ 20,000.

**Madison Historical Society**

**Historic Resources Survey and Historic District Study Report  
Liberty Street area** \$4,075.

**Public Archaeology Survey Team, Inc.**

**Intensive Level Archaeological Survey for Perry House, Stratford** \$19,900.

**Total: \$43,975.**

**PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS**

Motion by Mrs. Costello, seconded by Mrs. Green:

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to approve the installation of a new HVAC system at the Governor Samuel Huntington House located at 36 Huntington Road in Scotland as submitted by Crosskey Architects on September 28, 2011. (Y-6, N-0)**

**BASIC OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GRANTS**

Motion by Dr. Bellantoni, Seconded by Mrs. Costello:

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to approve the grant program guideline shown below for the BOS program to be in effect for state fiscal years 2012-2013.**

**All BOS grants will be awarded for a two-year period with the matching share requirement to be 50/50 applicant/state funds. (Y-6, N-0)**

Mrs. Costello left the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

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**REPORT ON MUSEUM PROPERTIES**

Karin Peterson, Museum Director, provided an update on projects and activities at the four historic sites and answered questions from the Council. There was no major tree or structural damage to our properties as a result of the October snow storm.

**THREATENED BUILDINGS**

Susan Chandler, Historical Architect, had nothing to report.

**REPORT ON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ACTIVITIES**

Susan Chandler reported on behalf of David Bahlman, who was unable to attend due to ill health.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made, and moved. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

***Next Council Meeting***

The next Historic Preservation Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., One Constitution Plaza, Main Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan R. Chandler, Historical Architect and  
SHPO Staff Liaison to the Council