

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

**Historic Preservation Council
September 7, 2011
One Constitution Plaza 2nd Floor
Hartford, Connecticut**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Chairman Beeble, Dr. Bellantoni, Vice Chair Churchill, Mrs. Costello, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Kelley, and Dr. Woodward

Staff: David Bahlman, Susan Chandler, Mary Dunne, Daniel Forrest, Laura Mancuso, and Karin Peterson

Absent: Mrs. Green, Dr. Robbins, and Mr. Wills

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Beeble at 9:34 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 September 7, 2011. (Y-5, N-0, Abstain-1)

No meetings have been held for the Executive Committee.

NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Motion by Mrs. Costello seconded by Ms. Churchill:

The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Plainville Congregational Church, 130 Main Street, Plainville, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places.

(Y-6, N-0)

Steve Vastole, representing the Plainville Congregational Church, spoke in favor of the nomination and presented a copy of an original drawing of the building with a current photograph for comparison

Tod Bryant, Preservation Consultant, discussed the pattern books published for use by Congregational Churches in designing their buildings. He noted the transitional architectural features between the Gothic Revival and Romanesque Revival styles evident in Henry Austin's design of the Plainville Congregational Church, and described the property as "spectacular."

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Mrs. Kelley arrived at 9:47 am.

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Bellantoni:
The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Wigwam Farm, 136 Maple Avenue, Shelton, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places.
(Y-7, N-0)

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Woodward:
The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Whitfield Cowles House, 118 Spoonville Road, East Granby, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places.
(Y-7, N-0)

Lucas Karmazinas, Preservation Consultant, noted the unusual combination of agricultural and industrial history related to the Cowles House.

Dr. Bellantoni expressed his admiration for the owners in their efforts to preserve and restore the property.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Motion by Dr. Bellantoni, seconded by Ms. Churchill:
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.

Applicant	Project	Grant Amount
Town of Simsbury	Historic Resources Inventory	\$30,000.

(Y-7, N-0)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVES

Dan Forrest, Staff Archaeologist, distributed copies of the latest Preserve booklet for the Venture Smith Homestead.

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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.

THREATENED BUILDINGS

Susan Chandler, Historical Architect, asked Tod Bryant of the Norwalk Preservation Trust to discuss recent activities related to the preservation of 93 East Avenue in Norwalk as a result of the successful litigation by the former Commission on Culture & Tourism.

REPORT ON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ACTIVITIES

Susan Chandler reported on behalf of David Bahlman, who was attending a meeting with Kip Bergstrom, Deputy Commissioner.

Preliminary comments from the National Park Service were received on our comprehensive statewide Historic Preservation Plan. Revisions are underway and the final document will be submitted for official review by the end of the week.

The National Trust has announced a major reorganization, whereby the country will be split in two halves with one Eastern and one Western regional director. All current regional centers will become field offices. The NTHP will now focus on protecting 100 National Landmarks.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Stacey Vairo, State and National Register Coordinator, reported that the SHPB will meet on November 3, 2011, and distributed copies of the agenda.

Council members expressed interest in the proposed initiative by the Board and staff to enhance and update files for National Register nominations from the early years of the program. Some of these nominations, particularly for districts, would benefit from field checks and address clarification.

OFFICE OF THE STATE HISTORIAN

Dr. Woodward has returned to his duties, the Council among them, and was warmly welcomed.

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OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

Dr. Bellantoni commented briefly on the activities of his office.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made, and moved. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37a.m.

Next Council Meeting

The next Historic Preservation Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 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