

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

Historic Preservation Council February 4, 2009 - 9:30 a.m. One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor Hartford, Connecticut

MINUTES

- Present:** Chairman Beeble, Dr. Bellantoni, Dr. Buel, Ms. Churchill, Mrs. Green, Mr. Hughes, Dr. Robbins, Mr. Schreck, and Mr. Wills
- Staff:** David Bahlman, Susan Chandler, Mary Donohue, Mary Dunne, Wayne Gannaway, Sandy Hayes, and Stacey Vairo
- Absent:** Mrs. Costello, Ms. Kelley, Dr. Woodward

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Beeble at 9:41 a.m.

II. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

No report at this time.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Wills, second by Mr. Schreck, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2009. (Y-7, N-0, A-2, Mrs. Green and Mr. Hughes)

IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Chairman Beeble Reporting

No report at this time.

V. NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE REGISTER – Stacey Vairo Reporting

Sturges Atkinson Cottage, Fairfield

Phillip Esser, Associate Cultural Resource Consultant, and Melanie Marks, spoke in favor of the nomination.

A motion was made by Dr. Buel, second by Mrs. Green, the Historic Preservation Council approved to list the Sturges Atkinson Cottage, Fairfield, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places. (Y-7, N-0)

Dr. Robbins arrived at 9:45 AM.

Yantic Cemetery, Norwich

Dale Plummer, Norwich Municipal Historian, submitted a letter of support from the City of Norwich and also spoke in support of the nomination.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green, second by Mr. Wills, the Historic Preservation Council approved to list the Yantic Cemetery, Norwich, Connecticut, on the State Register of historic Places. (Y-8, N-0)

Five Winter Street, Hartford

Tomas Nenortas, Hartford Preservation Alliance, spoke in support of the nomination.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. Wills, the Historic Preservation Council approved to list Five Winter Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places. (Y-8, N-0)

Pine Island Archaeological Site, Groton

A motion was made by Dr. Bellantoni, second by Mr. Wills, the Historic Preservation Council approved to list Pine Island Archaeological Site, Groton, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places. (Y-8, N-0)

PRESERVE – Stacey Vairo Reporting

Pine Island Archaeological Site, Groton

A motion was made by Dr. Bellantoni, second by Mr. Wills, the Historic Preservation Council approved to establish Pine Island Archaeological Site, Groton, as a State Archaeological Preserve. (Y-8, N-0)

NOMINATION TO THE STATE REGISTER – Stacey Vairo Reporting

Ash Creek Corduroy Road, Fairfield

A motion was made by Mrs. Green, second by Dr. Bellantoni, the Historic Preservation Council approved to list Ash Creek Corduroy Road, Fairfield, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places. (Y-8, N-0)

SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANT FUND PROGRAM – STATE FUNDING – Mary Donohue Reporting

Chairman Beeble left the room at 10:15 AM to avoid the appearance of a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Beeble is employed by the City of Stamford, a funder of the Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program.

A motion was made by Dr. Buel, second by Mr. Hughes, the Historic Preservation Council approved the grant awards to the below applicants from the 2009 Survey and Planning Grant Program in the amount of \$63,500.00. (Y-7, N-0)

<u>Applicant Awarded</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, East Haddam	Pre-development study of church	
	Moisture study by Historical Architect	\$ 4,000
The Barnum Museum, Bridgeport	National Historic Landmark nomination	\$ 1,500
Amistad Committee, Inc., New Haven	Lanson Monograph and Public Ed. Activities for CT Freedom Trail	\$20,000

Fairfield Historical Society, Fairfield	Sturgis Gardners Cottage	
	Measured drawings/photos	\$ 4,000
New Haven Preservation Trust, New Haven	Modernism Survey Phase 2	\$20,000
Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program, Inc.	Survey of Old Long Ridge Village District	
Stamford	for National Register and Local Historic District	\$14,000
		\$63,500

Chairman Beeble returned to the meeting at 10:19 AM.

CLG HISTORIC PRESERVATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT – Mary Dunne Reporting

Town of Windham

On a motion made by Mrs. Green, second by Dr. Robbins, the Historic Preservation Council approved a Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant to the Town of Windham in the amount of \$2,800 to hire a consultant to write a Preserve American designation application. (Y-8, N-0)

RESTRICTION – Wayne Gannaway Reporting

Mr. Wills left the room at 10:27 AM to avoid the appearance of a potential conflict of interest. Mr Wills has a personal relationship with Mr. Spencer of the Huntington Trust.

Samuel Huntington House, Scotland

On a motion made by Dr. Bellantoni, second by Mrs. Green, the Historic Preservation Council approved the work submitted in the work plan dated November 5, 2008 by John H. Spencer, President of the Governor Samuel Huntington Trust, Inc. (Y-7, N-0)

Mr. Wills returned at 10:31 AM.

BASIC OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GRANT – Mary Donohue Reporting

Chairman Beeble left the room at 10:24 AM to avoid the appearance of a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Beeble is employed by the City of Stamford, a funder of the Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program.

Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program, Inc., Stamford

On a motion made by Dr. Buel, second by Mr. Hughes, the Historic Preservation Council approved a Basic Operation Support Grant, for the Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program, 1-year, in Stamford, Connecticut in the amount of \$23,000. (Y-7, N-0)

Chairman Beeble returned at 10:25 AM.

REVISED PROCEDURES – David Bahlman Reporting

On a motion made by Mr. Hughes, second by Dr. Robbins, the Historic Preservation Council approve the Public Comment Procedures.

Discussion held.

On a motion made by Mr. Schreck to amend #6 and replace Chair with Council, second by Mr. Hughes, the Historic Preservation Council approved to adopt the Public Comment Procedures, as revised. (Y-8, N-0)

Ms. Churchill arrived at 10:40 AM.

VI. REPORT OF THE DIVISION DIRECTOR – David Bahlman Reporting

Division Director David Bahlman discussed the following items:

1. State Budget
2. Division Retreat
3. Exhibition on New Canaan Moderns
4. Hiring Freeze
5. Museum Schedules
6. Stimulus Plan Committee and Stimulus Expediting Committee

VII. OLD BUSINESS – Susan Chandler Reporting

Status updates regarding on-going activities were given for properties located on 41 South Main Street, Wallingford and 93 East Avenue, Norwalk.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No report at this time.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN – a motion to adjourn was made, and so moved. All were in favor.

Next Council Meeting

The next Historic Preservation Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 9:30 AM, One Constitution Plaza, Main Conference Room.

Tabled Items

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Hayes