

# CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

**Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism  
One Constitution Plaza 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hartford, Connecticut**

**Executive Committee Meeting  
June 7, 2011  
Conference Call/Tourism Conference Room**

## MINUTES

**Present:** Michael Price – Chair, Carolyn Cicchetti, Arthur Diedrick, Helen Higgins, Larry McHugh, Stuart Parnes, Ann Sheffer and Ted Yudain.

**Excused:** Fritz Jellinghaus

**Staff:** Kip Bergstrom, Executive Director and Leigh Johnson

**I. *Call to Order***

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Price.

**II. *Approval of the March 8, 2011 Executive Committee minutes.***

*A motion was made by Larry McHugh, second by Stuart Parnes, the Executive Committee approved the minutes for March 8, 2011 as circulated. (Y-8, N-0)*

**III. *Report of the Chairman***

No report as this time.

**IV. *Report of the Executive Director***

The executive director reported that on July 1, 2011, CCT will merge with DECD and the Full Commission will become an Advisory Committee on Culture & Tourism. The Advisory Committee will need to determine, under this new structure, what the role and responsibility will be going forward and members for the Advisory Committee, and the process to move forward.

With the current structure of the Full Commission, the review and approval of grants are completed by the respective committees during their meetings and are brought before the Full Commission for final approval. In order to continue receiving NEA funding there needs to be an Arts Committee, and a State Historic Preservation Office to receive federal funding as well. The Advisory Committee may need to take into consideration changing the smaller ad-hoc groups into formal groups with the executive committee driving the functions for place-making and branding.

The new Advisory Committee should utilize the legislative appointed members to advocate for any legislative changes/processes that may be needed. We need to change the way we think and

do business in the state, and move to a more competitive process and move away from line-items/earmarks.

**V. Action Items**

- A. *A motion was made by Helen Higgins, second by Ted Yudain, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture & Tourism approved one (1) Survey and Planning grant totaling \$5,000.00 for a National Register Nomination for the Congregational Church of Plainville. (Y-7, N-0)*
- B. *A motion was made by Helen Higgins, second by Arthur Diedrick, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture & Tourism approved an award for a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$2,685.00 for the Town of Woodbury for the development of a 2-mile architectural history walking tour. (Y-7, N-0)*
- C. *A motion was made by Helen Higgins, second by Ted Yudain, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the Town of Westport for a Historic Resources Inventory. (Y-6, N-0, A-1 Commissioner Sheffer)*

**VI. Other Business**  
*None*

**VII. Next Meeting Date**

The next scheduled meeting for the Executive Committee is August 2, 2011, at 11:30 a.m., Middlesex Chamber of Commerce.

**VII. Motion to adjourn - all were in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**  
**Leigh Johnson**

