

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

**Historic Preservation Council
March 5, 2014
Department of Economic and Community Development
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hartford, CT**

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Nelson, Dr. Harris, Ms. Maher, Mr. Faude, Dr. Bellantoni, Dr. Faber, Dr. Grant-Costa, Ms. Kane, Ms. Cutler

STAFF: Daniel Forrest, Stacey Vairo, Julie Carmelich, Mary Dunne, Cathy Labadia, Deborah Gaston

ABSENT: Ms. Gilvarg, Ms. Williams, and Dr. Woodard

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Faber at 9:32 a.m., second by Dr. Harris.

2. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Review of Public Comment Procedures was read aloud by Ms. Cutler.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Ms. Maher read aloud the code of conducts and ethics statement. No conflicts of interest were reported.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Ms. Faber to approve minutes, second by Mr. Grant-Costa. Grammatical revisions were noted.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

6 NOMINATIONS TO STATE REGISTER

A. CT Agricultural Heritage (10 sites)

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

- 1. Hubbard Spencer Farmstead at 39 Christian Hill Road in Haddam**
- 2. Captain John Smith Farmstead at 95 Jacoby Road in Haddam**
- 3. Stephen Tibbals Farmstead at 516 Little City Road in Haddam**
- 4. Orrin Freeman Farmstead at 37 Maple Avenue in Haddam**

- 5. Larson Farmstead at 388 Danbury Road in New Milford**
- 6. Smyrski Farmstead at 288 Merryall Road in New Milford**
- 7. Morehouse-Reynolds-Benedict Farmstead at 4 Old Mill Road in New Milford**
- 8. Sullivan Farmstead at 140 Park Lane Road in New Milford**
- 9. Hastings Farmstead at 472 Hill Street in Suffield**
- 10. Lathrop-Fish Farmstead at 410 Taintor Street in Suffield**

Ms. Vairo read the nominations to the State Register of Historic Places.

Motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Faude

(Y-8; N-0; abstain 1)

B. CT Agricultural Heritage (10 Sites)

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

- 1. James and Lucy Perry Farm at 47 Jonathan Trumbull Highway in Columbia**
- 2. Goddard Farm/Barberry Hill Farm at 353 Boston Post Road in Madison**
- 3. McCulloch Farmstead at 100 Whippoorwill Road in Old Lyme**
- 4. Fredrick Ames Farmstead at 157 Ames Hollow Road in Portland**
- 5. Jesse Hurlburt Farmstead at 193 Great Hill Road in Portland**
- 6. Chatham Alms House Farmstead / Portland Town Farm at 186 Jobs Pond Road in Portland**
- 7. Hubbard Farmstead at 332 Middle Haddam Road in Portland**
- 8. Lord-Dunbar Farmstead Barn at 461 Cornwall Bridge Road in Sharon**
- 9. Wike Farmstead at 38 White Hollow Road in Sharon**
- 10. Abijah and William Pitt Sessions Farmstead at 15 Rindge Road in Union**

Motion by Ms. Faber, seconded by Dr. Grant-Costa.

(Y-8; N-0; abstain 1)

C. WESTBROOK: CAPTAIN JOSEPH SPENCER HOUSE

The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Captain Joseph W. Spencer House, 1356 Clinton Road, Westbrook, Connecticut on the State Register of Historic Places.

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

(Y-8; N-0; abstain 1)

D. GREENWICH (COS COB): WYDNY GOUL (ERNEST THOMPSON SETON HOUSE)

The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Wyndygoul (Ernest Thompson Seton House), 101 Orchard Street, Cos Cob, Connecticut on the State Register of Historic Places.

To be tabled until the May 2014 meeting. Nomination would be stronger if submitted to include additional information related to women's history and the surviving landscape features.

Motion by Ms. Faber, seconded by Dr. Harris

(Y-8; N-0; abstain 1)

E. WILLINGTON: GARDINER HALL, JR. COMPANY

The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Gardiner Hall, Jr. Company, 156 River Road, Willington, Connecticut on the State Register of Historic Places.

Tom Buccino, Owner of The Mill Works and Dick Symones, Board Member of The Mill Works were present and spoke.

Motion by Mr. Faude, seconded by Ms. Maher .

(Y-8; N-0; abstain 1)

9. **STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS**

C. CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS

1. City of New London, Supplemental CLG Grant

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 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.

New London, supplemental CLG grant – Conditions assessment and plan and specifications for City Hall – HRF preparation. Grant amount: \$30,000

Mary Dunne & Laura Mancuso inspected the property and repairs are finally being made by the town. Ms. Cutler mentioned there should be a maintenance plan set up to prevent emergency repairs. Mary Dunne mentioned this was asked for in the beginning.

(Y-8; N-0; abstain 1)

D. SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANTS

1. New Canaan Preservation Alliance, Survey and Planning Grant

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 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.

New Canaan, New Canaan Preservation Alliance – Survey and Planning Grant-HRI . Grant amount: \$30,000

There are 150 buildings up for repair. Ms. Maher applauded the town for finally moving forward. Motion by Dr. Faber, seconded by Dr. Harris

(Y-8; N-0; abstain 1)

F. PARTNERS IN PRESERVATION GRANTS

10. REPORT ON THREATENED PROPERTIES

Somers is dropping development plans for the threatened property there. No new info at this time.

11. PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS

12. ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVES

13. REPORT ON MUSEUM PROPERTIES

Please see report by Karin Peterson. A memo from the Office of Policy and Management from 1989 and 1993 stated that \$14,000 in bond funds that have not yet been spent could be used for future Crandall Museum repairs. There is \$209,000 from the Nautilus Project still available for use at New Gate Prison Museum.

14. REPORT ON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ACTIVITIES

Tourism, Art Alliance, New London, New Haven, Stamford & Fairfield will be at the Old State House, Downtown Hartford at 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. One of the topics to be discussed is how to change the demographics on race and ages. Kip Bergstrom will be sending information to the Council. Everything discussed will be added to the website. Invitations should go out within two weeks with the Governor's participation.

Town of Kent – received a grant for Bulls Bridge (a covered bridge) which now uses cedar shakes on the roof. They want to use Enviro Shake instead. Using Enviroshake instead of using real cedar shingles would be an adverse effect and funding will be denied. Ms. Faber mentioned the possibility of using pressure treated shingles instead.

15. GENERAL DISCUSSION

16. LIAISON WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES

17. OLD BUSINESS

18. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ONLY

A. STATEMENT OF FIANCIAL INTEREST

The Advisory Council will no longer be making final decisions on Historic Preservation or Arts grants. As a the official granting body of the CT SHPO, this Council will be required to file Statements of Financial Interest. Emails will be sent and the filing will start mid May. Will check to see if legal can attend our next meeting or a conference call to answer any questions. A 9:30 a.m. meeting is planned with question prior to the start of the next HPC meeting, which will begin at 10 a.m.

Laura Mancuso attended National Trust Day in Washington, D.C.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm

The next Historic Preservation Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 10:00 am, One Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT.

Respectfully submitted by:
Deborah Gaston