

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

**Historic Preservation Council  
January 4, 2012  
One Constitution Plaza 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hartford, Connecticut**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Beeble, Dr. Bellantoni, Ms. Cutler, Mr. Faude, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Maher, Dr. Robbins, Ms. Williams, Mr. Wills and Dr. Woodward

**Staff:** David Bahlman, Julie Carmelich, Susan Chandler, Mary Donohue, Mary Dunne, Dan Forrest, Laura Mancuso, Karin Peterson, Stacey Vairo, and Alan Ponanski, Assistant Attorney General.

**Absent:** Dr. Faber

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Beeble at 9:41 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. Faude, second by Mr. Wills, to approve the minutes of December 7, 2011. (Y-9, N-0)

No meetings have been held for the Executive Committee.

Chairman Beeble welcomed the new Council appointees. Members and Staff introduced themselves. Prior to consideration of the first resolution, Mr. Beeble summarized the pertinent provisions of the agency's Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policy.

Dr. Robbins arrived at 9:47 a.m.

**HISTORIC RESTORATION FUND GRANTS**

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Faude:

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the grant awards in the amounts shown below to the non-profit organizations and municipalities listed below for a total of \$1,477, 200. 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 applicant upon receipt of a grant.**

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<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
<b>Historic New England Borough of Danielson Town of Clinton</b>	<b>Roseland Cottage</b>	<b>\$101,800</b>
	<b>Danielson Fire Station</b>	<b>\$150,500</b>
	<b>William Stanton Andrews Memorial Town Hall</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Town of Sprague City of Norwich</b>	<b>Grist Mill Phase III</b>	<b>\$93,800</b>
	<b>Norwich City Hall</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Historical Society of Glastonbury, Inc. Greenfield Hill Congregational Church</b>	<b>Oak Street Tobacco Shed</b>	<b>\$99, 300</b>
	<b>Greenfield Hill Congregational Church</b>	<b>\$192,000</b>
	<b>Academy of Our Lady of Mercy Lauralton Hall</b>	<b>\$103,400</b>
<b>Mystic and Noank Library Sixth Taxing District of Norwalk</b>	<b>Mystic and Noank Library</b>	<b>\$138,400</b>
	<b>Rowayton Community Center</b>	<b>\$198,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,477,200.</b>

(Y-10, N-0)

Laura Mancuso, Historic Restoration Fund Coordinator, made a presentation which illustrated the properties involved and described the work proposed. She explained the program guidelines and the staff review process. Gores Pavilion in New Canaan was presented as an example of a past grant which successfully contributed to the long-term preservation of an exceptional resource. Much discussion followed. All members were favorably impressed by the applications.

**CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Maher:

**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.**

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<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
<b>Town of Clinton</b>	<b>Historic Resources Inventory</b>	<b>\$30,000.</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$30,000.</b>

(Y-10, N-0)

Mary Dunne, Certified Local Government Coordinator, discussed the project and answered questions.

**PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS**

Motion by Mr. Faude, seconded by Dr. Robbins:

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to approve the installation of a new ADA-compliant ramp and entrance door at Christ Church located at 28 Church Street in West Haven as submitted via email by William Stark on November 22, 2011.**

(Y-10, N-0)

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

**The Historic Preservation Council votes to approve structural reinforcing, repairs and general upgrades to the balcony of the Old Town Hall located at 5 Mountain Road in Woodbury as submitted by Woodbury's First Selectman Gerald Stomki on December 1, 2011. (Y-10, N-0)**

Julie Carmelich, Preservation Restriction Coordinator, summarized the process by which deed restrictions are placed on properties and the review required by the Council.

Mr. Faude suggested it would be helpful to the Council to have additional information about properties affected by their actions. A synopsis of the history and significance for each property will be provided by staff in the future.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVES**

Dan Forrest, Staff Archaeologist, reported on the recent looting and vandalism to the Fort Griswold Archaeological Preserve in Groton.

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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**

Assistant Attorney General Alan Ponanski summarized the Council's role in the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act and the importance of the law to historic preservation in the state. A workshop on the law will be held for members in the spring.

**REPORT ON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ACTIVITIES**

David Bahlman reported that the Governor's Office is in the process of making additional appointments for members of the Council whose terms have been completed and thanked those still serving.

Mr. Bahlman announced the designation of three SHPO staff (Dan Forrest, Mary Donohue, and Stacey Vairo) as deputies in order to assist with daily program responsibilities. As Director of Culture, the oversight of the Connecticut Office of the Arts now requires fifty percent of his time.

The Executive Summary of *Investment in Connecticut: The Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation* was distributed. Copies of the complete report, as well as the new State Historic Preservation Plan and *Connecticut Local Historic Districts and Property Values*, a project of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation (funded by SHPO) will be shared at a later meeting.

On January 27, 2011, Connecticut Preservation Action will host an event at CIGNA in Bloomfield. Copies of the registration materials were distributed.

**LIAISON WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES**

Helen Higgins, Executive Director of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, introduced herself, welcomed new members, and provided an overview of Trust programs.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made, and moved. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

***Next Council Meeting***

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

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Chandler  
Historical Architect and Council Liaison