

**CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM**

**FULL COMMISSION MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2009**

**1:30 P.M.**

**One Constitution Plaza**

**Hartford, Connecticut**

**Draft Pending Approval**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Nicholas Bellantoni, Frank Borres, Chuck Bunnell, Carolyn Cicchetti (Acting Chairperson), Anne Elvgren, Sandra Evoy, Walter Fiederowicz, Betty Hale, Helen Higgins, Daniel Heffernan, Fritz Jellinghaus, Greg Johnson, Renny Loisel, Larry McHugh (via phone), Ann E. Sheffer, Will K. Wilkins, and Ted Yudain

**Absent:** Chairman Michael Price, Arthur Diedrick, Philip Eliasoph, Bruce Fraser, John Hollander, Harvey Hubbell, Herbert Jay, Ed Marcus, Guy Ortoleva, Paul Pozzi, Leo Redgate, Clem Roy, Rita Schmidt, and Walter Woodward

**Staff & Guests** CCT Staff - David Bahlman, Randy Fiveash, Leigh Johnson, Karen Senich and An-Ming Truxes; Josh Borestein, Timothy Ford, Ginny Kozlowski, and Janet Serra

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the full Commission was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism and was called to order.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*On a motion by Ann Sheffer, second by Fritz Jellinghaus the minutes of June 8, 2009 were approved as circulated. (Y-14, N-0)*

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – No report at this time**

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Karen Senich Reporting**

Ms. Senich noted Sandra Evoy will be resigning from the Commission to move back home to Florida. Ms. Senich thanked Ms. Evoy for her participation in the Commission, and wished her well in her future endeavors.

***Invitations***

Commissioners are invited to attend the Hebron Historical Society's premiere "*Testimonies of a Quiet New England Town*" on Sunday, October 27 at the Guggenheim; and to a groundbreaking and legislative luncheon for the Discovery Museum on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

***Budget Update***

The budget has passed, and the implementer has yet to pass. In the budget, all related responsibilities for the film division and tax credits were merged to the Department of Economic & Community Development. The implementer language does include elimination of the film representatives to the Full Commission.

Basic Cultural Resources (BCR) line item was reduced from \$2.4 million to \$1.5 million, and Culture, Tourism & Arts line item was reduced from \$4 million to \$2 million. Out of the \$18 million budget

appropriated for the agency, CCT receives only \$7.3 million for personal services and general operating expenses. Out of the \$7.3 million it is unknown exactly as to how much will be allotted. There is no funding for the state-wide marketing account. CCT will not publish a Vacation Guide or Culture Guide and Calendar of Events and may have to close some Welcome Centers.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. On motion by Daniel Heffernan, second by Ted Yudain, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a grant to the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation – sub-grant for the historic preservation technical assistance grant program. (Y-13, N-0, A-1 Commissioner Fiederowicz)
- B. On motion by Chuck Bunnell, second by Daniel Heffernan, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a grant to the Connecticut Main Street Center – Preservation of Place sub-grant program. (Y-14, N-0)
- C. On motion by Chuck Bunnell, second by Fritz Jellinghaus the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved three (3) grants to Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation – Local Historic District Workshops; Norwalk Preservation Trust, Inc., Historic Resource Survey; and Mattatuck Historical Society/Museum, Historic Resource Survey of Middlebury. (Y-13, N-0, A-1 Commissioner Fiederowicz)
- D. On motion by Chuck Bunnell, second by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a grant to the Town of Old Lyme to update and reprint the Historic District Handbook. (Y-14, N-0)
- E. On motion by Nicholas Bellantoni, second by Walter Fiederowicz, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a grant to the Town of Windham for consultation services to prepare architectural scope of work for repair and rehab of two town-owned historic buildings. (Y-14, N-0)
- F. On motion by Chuck Bunnell, second by Betty Hale, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a grant to the Town of Southbury to produce a public information brochure on two local historic districts. (Y-14, N-0)
- G. On motion by Chuck Bunnell, second by Ted Yudain, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a grant to the Town of Simsbury for GIS mapping that highlights historic structures throughout the Town of Simsbury. (Y-14, N-0)
- H. On motion by Chuck Bunnell, second by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a grant to the Town of Fairfield for data entry of Historic Resources Inventory in searchable digital format. (Y-14, N-0)

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

None at this time

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

**VIII. NEXT FULL COMMISSION MEETING** – Monday, November 9, 1:30 p.m., One Constitution Plaza, main conference room.

**Future Actions**

- None at this time.

**Tabled Items**

- None at this time.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Leigh Johnson, Recording Secretary