

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

**State Historic Preservation Board
March 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hartford, Connecticut**

REVISED MINUTES

Present: Chairman Edwards, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Favretti, Ms. Saunders, Dr. Tucker and Mr. Wigren

Staff: Jennifer Haag, Mary Donohue and Stacey Vairo

Absent: Dr. Curran, Dr. Feder, Dr. Goodheart and Ms. Winters

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards at 9:37 a.m.

II. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Copies of the public comment procedures were available in the back of the room.

III. A motion was made by Mr. Curtis, second by Mr. Favretti, to approve the minutes of June 11, 2009 as circulated. (Y-5, N-0)

IV. ACTION ITEMS

The proceedings of the meeting, including all discussions on nominations, are recorded on audiotape, which is available at the Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut. All registration forms are subject to changes made by the Board and by the State Historic Preservation Officer. All properties were inspected by a member of the Commission's staff prior to the meeting.

Ms. Vairo reported that for nominations of individual properties, all property owners were notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the pending nomination sixty days prior to the meeting. For nominations of districts, the chief executive officer of the town or city was notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the pending nomination sixty days prior to the meeting. Property owners within districts of less than fifty properties were notified by regular mail of the pending nomination sixty days prior to the meeting. Public information meetings were offered to each city/town in which a district is proposed.

All resources included in a National Register Inventory/Nomination form listed as “contributing” to the historical significance of a property have been so determined by the Board.

A. COMPLETED NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS – Stacey Vairo Reporting

Rock Hall, Colebrook (Criteria A,B,C)

Staff recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Steven Bedford. Stella Somers, the owner of Rock Hall, spoke in favor of the nomination. No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Wigren, second by Dr. Tucker, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Rock Hall, Colebrook, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-5, N-0)

Vote pending Ms. Saunders approval on her arrival.

Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich (Criteria A,B,C)

Staff recommends the district for listing. The consultant is Steven Bedford. No correspondence was received.

Ms. Saunders arrived at 9:50 a.m. and voted in favor of the Rock Hall, Colebrook nomination.

A motion was made by Mr. Favretti, second by Mr. Curtis, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-6, N-0)

Oysterman’s Row Historic District, Norwalk (Criteria A,C)

Staff recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Tod Bryant. Six letters of objection were received by the Commission. Richard Steins, owner of 1 Logan Place, Alice B. Morrison, owner of 1 Pond Street, Keith Cavanaugh and Kevin Cavanaugh, owners of 78 Rowayton Avenue, Leslie Cavanaugh, owner of 82 Rowayton Avenue and Brian E. Skinner, owner of 9 Crockett Street. Keith Cavanaugh, owner of 78 Rowayton Avenue, spoke against the nomination.

A motion was made by Ms. Saunders, second by Dr. Tucker, the State Historic Preservation Board moved to table the nomination until the next meeting to allow review of the nomination.. (Y-5, N-1, Mr. Favretti)

Butts Bridge (Bridge No. 01649), Canterbury (Criteria A,C)

Staff recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Michael Raber. No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis, second by Mr. Favretti, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Butts Bridge (Bridge No. 01649),

Canterbury, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-6, N-0)

Village Creek Historic District, Norwalk (Criteria A,C)

Staff recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Tod Bryant. Six letters of support were received from David Westmoreland, President, Norwalk Historical Society, Chris Perone, Representative of the 137th Assembly District, Senator Bob Duff, Assistant Majority Leader, State Senate, Mayor Richard Moccia, United States Senator Joseph Lieberman and United States Congressman Jim Himes.

A motion was made by Mr. Wigren, second by Mr. Favretti, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Village Creek Historic District, Norwalk, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-6, N-0)

Little Bethel A.M.E. Church, Greenwich (Criterion A)

Staff recommends the site for listing. The consultant is James Sexton. Three letters of support were received from Anne Young, Greenwich Historical Society, State Representative Fred Camillo, 151st Assembly District, and United States Congressman Jim Himes.

A motion was made by Mr. Favretti, second by Ms. Saunders, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Little Bethel A.M.E. Church, Greenwich, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-6, N-0)

First Lutheran Church of the Reformation, New Britain (Criteria A,C, Exception A)

Staff recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Suzan Whicher. No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Favretti, second by Ms. Saunders, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the First Lutheran Church of the Reformation, New Britain, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-6, N-0)

North-West School, Hartford (Criterion A)

Staff recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Bruce Clouette. No correspondence was received. Tomas Nenortas spoke in favor of the nomination.

A motion was made by Mr. Favretti, second by Mr. Curtis, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list North-West School, Hartford, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-6, N-0)

The Allen House, Westport (Criterion C)

Staff recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Tod Bryant. No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Wigren, second by Dr. Tucker, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list the Allen House, Westport, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-6, N-0)

The Nathaniel Witherell Historic District, Greenwich (Criteria A,C, Exception D)

Staff recommends the site for listing. The consultant is Nils Kerschus. Nils Kerschus was not present. No correspondence was received. Stacey Vairo answered questions about the nomination.

A motion was made by Ms. Saunders, second by Mr. Curtis, the State Historic Preservation Board approved to list The Nathaniel Witherell Historic District, Greenwich, Connecticut, on the National Register of Historic Places. (Y-6, N-0)

V. REPORT OF THE DIVISION DIRECTOR – Mary Donohue Reporting

- Museum exhibit “From Stone House to Glass House” opening April 1, 2010
- Environmental Review welcoming Dan Forrest
- Historic Structures Rehabilitation and Historic Preservation Tax Credit Programs
- Workshop – “The Return on Investment of Historic Preservation”
- Connecticut in the Civil War exhibit for 2011

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

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., One Constitution Plaza, main conference room.

Tabled Item

Oysterman’s Row Historic District, Norwalk

Respectfully submitted by:
Jennifer Haag, Process Technician