

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

August 7, 2009

Mr. Peter Stockman
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Via Email

RE: Nathan Hale Hotel and Bristol Armory

Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in response to your request that deed restrictions be placed on the transfer of the Bristol Armory, located at 61 Center Street in Bristol.

The State Legislature, acting through Connecticut General Statutes §§ 22a-15 thru 22a-19b, found and declared that a public trust exists which includes not only air, water and other natural resources, but also the historic structures and landmarks of the state. The State Legislature further determined that each and every individual is entitled to the protection, preservation and enhancement of these public trust assets.

Acting through Connecticut General Statutes §§ 22a-16, 22a-19, 22a-19a, and 22a-19b, the State Legislature, further sought to ensure the protection of these public trust assets by guaranteeing in law that the Attorney General, any political subdivision of the State, any instrumentality or agency of the State or of a political subdivision thereof, any person, partnership, corporation, association, organization or other legal entity would have the right to seek injunctive relief in order to prevent the unreasonable destruction of historic structures and landmarks within the state.

I believe that these legislatively enacted protections are substantial; although, I do realize that they are not absolute in nature. Nevertheless, these protections are a matter of long standing public law and were clearly enacted with the intent to provide a mechanism by which to prevent the unreasonable destruction of any structure which falls into the legislatively protected criteria.

While I understand and appreciate your desire to protect Connecticut's historic structures, I am confident that the legislatively enacted protections are sufficient to protect the Bristol Armory from any unreasonable destruction, and therefore, I do not believe that placing deed restrictions on the transfer of this property is warranted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Genuario', written in a cursive style.

Robert L. Genuario
Secretary

cc: Raeanne Curtis – Commissioner, DPW

O'Brien, Patrick M.

From: Peter C. Stockman [peter.c.stockman@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2009 5:52 AM
To: O'Brien, Patrick M.
Cc: Mallory, Shane
Subject: Question and a Comment on Land Transfer of 61 Center Street, Bristol, CT

Mr. Obrien:

I note that this property is being transferred without any restrictions on future use. Does this mean that the armory could be torn down or the facade permanently altered? If so, then I wish to make the comment below:

The Bristol Armory is a structure with architectural features worthy of preservation. So as to maintain the visual integrity of Bristol and to preserve this architectural asset, a restriction should be included in the transfer of the 61 Center Street property. This restriction should require the purchaser, and all future owners of the property, to maintain the facade of the building in its current form, regardless of the use of the building. It should further restrict the purchaser, or any future owners of the property, from demolishing the facade of the property.

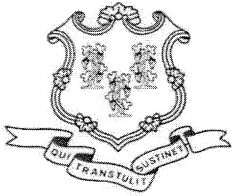
Regards,

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July 29, 2009

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Dear Mr. O'Brien,

Pursuant to section 4b-47(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, you had provided a draft response to the comments that the Office of Policy & Management received from the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism concerning the Notices of Proposed Land Transfer for the Nathan Hale Hotel on 0.5 acres of land at 633 Main Street in Willimantic and the Bristol Armory on 0.6 acres of land at 61 Center Street in Bristol.

The Department has no objection to the draft response prepared for Secretary Genuario's signature. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this review process.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amey Marrella".

Amey Marrella
Acting Commissioner

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