

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL MEETING  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
Wednesday, August 23, 2023 @ 9:30 am**

ONLINE TEAMS Meeting (see code for meeting in your email or contact [Mary.Dunne@ct.gov](mailto:Mary.Dunne@ct.gov) or  
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**MINUTES**

**Council:** Ms. Vincencia Adusei, Ms. Elizabeth Burgess, Vice-Chairman Paul Butkus, Ms. Marguerite Carnell, Mr. Thomas Elmore, Dr. Leah Glaser, Ms. Sara Nelson, and Ms. Deanna Rhodes

**Absent:** Ms. Elizabeth Acly, Dr. Andy Horowitz, and Dr. Sarah Sportman

**Staff:** Mr. Cory Atkinson, Ms. Julie Carmelich, Ms. Mary Dunne, Ms. Erin Fink, Ms. Deborah Gaston, Mr. Jonathan Kinney, Ms. Cathy Labadia, Mr. Todd Levine, Ms. Jenny Scofield, Ms. Liz Shapiro, Mr. Roan Smith, and Ms. Marena Wisniewski

<b>Guests:</b>	Ms. Nancy Savin	Ms. Amanda Shuman-Bisson
	Ms. Stacey Vairo	Anthony – Downes Construction
	Ms. Dawn Adiletta	Ms. Laura Natusch
	Ms. Susan Godshall	Ms. Sarah Tisdale
	Mr. Patrick McLaughlin	Ms. Mary Cockram
	Ms. Melissa Holmes	Mr. Taylor Hansen
	Mr. Robert Hurd	Ms. Pam Holzapfel
	M. Cary Shea	

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

**II. Review of Public Comment Procedures**

Vice-Chairman Butkus read aloud the Review of Public Comment Procedures.

**III. Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest**

Vice-Chairman Butkus read aloud the Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest Procedures and asked if there were any conflicts with staff members or Council.

Ms. Rhodes recused herself from agenda item V.B.6 – City of Norwich.

**IV. Review and Approval of Minutes and Transcripts**

A. Minutes – July 12, 2023 Meeting

On a motion by Ms. Carnell, second Ms. Burgess, the Council voted to approve the July meeting minutes with minor corrections.

(Y-4, N-0, Abstaining-4, Absent-3 Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

## **V. State Historic Preservation Grants – Action Items**

### **A. Unfinished Action Items**

### **B. New Action Items**

#### **1. Institutional Support for Capacity Building Grant, New Haven Preservation Trust, New Haven**

On a motion by Ms. Nelson, second by Ms. Adusei, the Historic Preservation Council voted to award an Institutional Support for Capacity Building Grant (formerly Basic Operational Support 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. Staff recommended this application for funding.

(Y-6, N-0, Abstaining-2, Absent-3, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Applicant: New Haven Preservation Trust  
Amount: \$100,000

Ms. Dunne presented this application. The New Haven Preservation Trust requested funding in the amount of \$100,000. The Institutional Support for Capacity Building grants are for local non-profit organizations whose main mission is to protect historic resources. SHPO currently has three active applicants, two of which were on today's agenda. This valued partnership keeps SHPO abreast of critical issues at the local level and reflects on our mission. Ms. Susan Godshall from the New Haven Preservation Trust was on the call to answer any questions or concerns.

Vice Chair Butkus asked if the Trust would be able to raise awareness, and to assist with paperwork and outreach to underserved communities, specifically with regard to the Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit program. Ms. Tisdale replied they would most certainly like to assist SHPO in dispensing this information to the community using this program. Ms. Godshall is more than happy to assist us with this mission. Before COVID, there were at least two to three workshops a year and would be happy to resume that schedule moving forward.

**2. Institutional Support for Capacity Building Grant, New London Landmarks, New London**

On A motion by Ms. Nelson, second Ms. Carnell, the Historic Preservation Council voted to award an Institutional Support for Capacity Building Grant (formerly Basic Operational Support 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. Staff recommended this application for funding.

(Y-6, N-0, Abstaining-2, Absent-3, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Applicant: New London Landmarks  
Amount: \$100,000

Ms. Dunne presented this application. This is the second application under the Institution for Support of Capacity Building grant program. SHPO has had a long running history with New London Landmarks, and they are doing a great job. There is a quarterly check-in to make sure everything is running smoothly. Ms. Laura Natusch, New London Landmark, was on the call to answer any questions or concerns.

Ms. Nelson commended Ms. Natusch on this application. It was a pleasure to read and very well put together. Ms. Burgess seconded Ms. Nelson's comment and appreciated all of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion the organization is involved in.

**3. Survey and Planning Grant, East Woodstock Congregational Church, Historic Structures Report, 220 Woodstock Rd., Woodstock**

On a motion by Mr. Elmore, second by Dr. Glaser, the Historic Preservation Council voted to recommend the award of a Survey and Planning Grant, funded by the Community Investment Act of the State of Connecticut, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown. 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. Staff recommended this application for funding.

(Y-7, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-3, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Applicant: East Woodstock Congregational Church  
Amount: \$2,308.00

Ms. Dunne presented this application. The applicant is having a historic structures report completed pro-bono by a very qualified historic preservation consultant/architectural historian. A paint analysis is needed to complete this

project to learn more about the original finishes and the applicant is asking for half of the \$5,000 budget. Ms. Dawn Adiletta, contact for the Eastwood Congregation, was on the call to answer any questions or concerns.

Ms. Nelson commented in support of the application, but the budget seemed low considering the process and based on previous project costs. Ms. Dunne replied the budget was derived with Mr. Myron Stachiw, who is the preservation consultant and who is completing the historic structures report. Ms. Dawn Adiletta added they have worked extensively with Mr. Stachiw and he is very meticulous with his work and based his decision on his expertise with past projects. They both conducted extensive research and comparisons on-line, which is how he came up with this dollar amount. They did not want to ask for monies they could not use. Ms. Nelson added to keep the rising cost of materials in mind. Ms. Dunne said it is stressed that grants are only going to cover a portions of costs. The applicant has the option of coming back for an increase based on the types of proposals they are getting in response to an RFP. They have a long way to go. Ms. Dunne will be working with Ms. Adiletta throughout this process.

Ms. Carnell encouraged the applicant to apply for a long-term preservation plan. The church is probably an HRF recipient and most likely submitted a plan with that application. Ms. Adiletta added they are planning on using this as a springboard for future grants for the actual work. If there is not a plan filed, she will submit it to Ms. Dunne.

**4. Survey and Planning Grant. New England Hebrew Farmers of the Emanuel Society, Engineering plans and specifications, 600, Route 161, Montville**

On a motion by Ms. Burgess, second Ms. Carnell, the Historic Preservation Council voted to recommend the award of a Survey and Planning Grant, funded by the Community Investment Act of the State of Connecticut, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown. 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. Staff recommended this application for funding.

(Y-7, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-3, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Applicant: New England Hebrew Farmers of the Emanuel Society (NEHFES)  
Amount: \$15,000

Ms. Dunne presented this application. NEHFES requested funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the development of engineering plans and specifications. The organization has received a previous grant from SHPO. Ms. Nancy Savin continues to persevere in her tireless efforts to maintain this site. The stabilization of the property is so they can continue to educate the public about the site. Ms.

Stacey Vairo, Circuit Rider, and Ms. Nancy Savin were on the call to answer any questions or concerns.

Mr. Elmore suggested the timeline on page 12 needs to be updated and asked if \$15,000 was going to be sufficient to cover the project. Ms. Dunne replied to Mr. Elmore, he was correct, the assessment was several years old. Ms. Savin thanked Council for reviewing the application and Ms. Vairo for all her help with the application. NEHFES received matching grants in preparation for the foundation rehab. This application is for engineering specs for the methods and cost. Ms. Labadia of SHPO provided the name of a reputable company. Mr. Elmore asked Ms. Nelson if this assessment includes the foundation as well? Ms. Savin replied in 2012 the property was totally mapped and diagramed. Anchors for the walls were suggested, but plans did not follow through. This was done through a grant from the Connecticut Trust at the time.

Vice Chairman Butkus asked if the ultimate plan was to do physical work on the walls themselves. Ms. Savin replied, Ms. Labadia has assured the cribbing, called temporary, should last for up to 20-25 years. Ms. Labadia added that the historic property is not under ownership of NEHFES or the Archeological Conservancy. It is owned by the DOT and NEHFES has a strong easement to the property and repair rights. They would have first rights of refusal of purchasing DOT the property as part of their Route 11 Corridor creation. That project is now dead, but DOT will be conducting activities along the main road which is Route 85. The concern is with the foundation as heavy equipment and trucks are moving through. We would like to stabilize the property while the DOT still owns it. The vision is to create a place that is interpretive so public can visit and people can enjoy.

Ms. Burgess questioned the lack of a long-term preservation plan. Ms. Dunne replied the plan is on the check list and is required for the HRF application. A conditions assessment grant was funded in 2018. Ms. Labadia added Ms. Savin does have a long-term vision for the property that has been designed by a landscape architect. Due to the ownership situation, those are the goals for the future. Once the parcel is added, it will fall under the long-term management plan.

Vice-Chairman Butkus asked Ms. Dunne to clarify when a match is required. Ms. Dunne replied this applicant falls under the no-match grants for plans and specifications which were instituted a year ago. The grant cap had to be lowered due to a shortage of CIA funding. While non-matching, the cap is still at \$20,000.

**5. Survey and Planning Grant, United Methodist Church of Hartford, Water Management Assessment, 571 Farmington Avenue, Hartford**

On a motion by Ms. Nelson, second Mr. Elmore, the Historic Preservation Council voted to recommend the award of a Survey and Planning Grant, funded by the Community Investment Act of the State of Connecticut, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown. 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. Staff recommended this application for funding.

(Y-7, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-3, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Applicant: United Methodist Church of Hartford

Amount: \$17,000

Ms. Dunne presented this application. United Methodist Church of Hartford requested funding in the amount of \$17,000 to conduct a water management assessment. Ms. Dunne and Mr. Mike Forino, Circuit Rider, have made several site visits to the property due to water infiltration. First contact was for a conditions assessment. The budget for the project was derived by Mr. Forino and their technical consultants. The building is an important resource for the city. Ms. Mary Cockram from United Methodist Church and author of the application was on the call for any questions or concerns.

Ms. Dunne encouraged the applicant to apply for a match waiver due to the compelling nature of the building. They are not exactly matching the money, but because money was spent before the application, they cannot use it as a match.

Ms. Nelson suggested having a geotechnical and a civil engineer working on the drainage aspects of this project. This might raise the budget and they could come back for more funding.

Ms. Adusei asked if a mold assessment was completed? She wanted to make sure there was enough funding for that. Ms. Dunne replied there is a mold and an asbestos problem, and both are being addressed during this process.

Mr. Elmore asked if it would be feasible to have separate grants for asbestos and soil/water to focus on the water problem first? Ms. Dunne replied they are working with Preservation CT's technical team and if the project becomes larger, we can rephase it and ask for additional funds if need be.

Mr. Elmore asked Ms. Cockram to explain the incident with the MCD. Ms. Cockram explained the pipe outside the building broke and said they were not liable, because it was coincidental while they were working outside the building. This was an extra \$30,000 expense that set them back.

**6. Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant, City of Norwich, Condition Assessment, 98 Washington Street, Norwich**

*Ms. Rhodes recused herself @10:24 p.m.*

On a motion by Ms. Burgess, second by Ms. Nelson, the Historic Preservation Council voted to award a Certified Local Government, Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant, funded by the Historic Preservation Fund of the Department

of the Interior, National Park Service, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown. All federal and state grant guidelines and requirements shall be met by the below-listed applicant upon receipt of a grant as administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Staff recommended this application for funding.

(Y-6, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-3, Recused-1) (Roll call vote)

Applicant: City of Norwich  
Amount: \$20,000

Ms. Dunne presented this application. She is very happy that the City, a certified local government, is taking a real interest in good stewardship of the property. The first RFP for development of this property was unsuccessful. SHPO provided the City with the opportunity to apply for this grant to discover what the specific issues are so buyers and developers can make educated decisions about the property. Mr. Pat McLoughlin for the City of Norwich was on the call to answer any questions or concerns.

Mr. McLaughlin added the house could be a mix uses such as residential and office space or a B&B. The purpose of the condition's assessment is to prioritize the necessary repairs to the building so it can be occupied and to estimate the possible costs. Ms. Nelson commented that the floor design may change considering what the building is going to be used for. The study needs to include a feasibility study and plan changes based on potential uses. The range of options needs to be addressed in the RFP so the team can develop a proposal. Vice-Chairman Butkus added it is more of a feasibility study than a cost estimating exercise.

Ms. Dunne recommended a pre-bid meeting to answer other questions. Vice Chairman Butkus commented that the RFP needs to be carefully worded. Lastly Mr. McLaughlin added the property will more than likely be for residential use.

*Dr. Rhodes returned to the meeting at 10:36 a.m.*

**7. New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St., New Britain.  
\$200,000 for full replacement of the original Spanish tile roof on the  
Lander's house and associated work.**

On a motion by Ms. Nelson, second Ms. Adusei, the Historic Preservation Council voted to award a Historic Restoration Fund grant, funded by the Community Investment Act of the State of Connecticut, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown. 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. Staff recommended this application for funding.

(Y-7, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-3, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Applicant: New Britain Museum of American Art  
Amount: \$200,000

Ms. Fink presented this application. This is Phase 2 of work on the Landers House of the New Britain Museum of the Art. The property is managed by the Project Group and Downes Construction and has been competitively bid. They have overseen the designs specs and bid documents which were placed in the folder for the Council to review. Mr. Anthony Demelo, Downes Construction, Mr. Robert Hurd, and Mr. Taylor Hansen were on the call for any questions or concerns.

Vice-Chairman Butkus asked for clarification on the drawing and construction documents. Mr. Demelo replied that their bid documents were based on the 100% construction documents dated May 31, 2023. Mr. Elmore stated that he would have a hard time voting and approving the application based on older plans. Ms. Fink posted the detailed March 2023 design-development drawings which were required at the time. Mr. Hurd stated that only design-development level drawings are required for the grant. Ms. Adusei agreed the documents were very detailed and answered the question she had.

Vice-Chairman Butkus asked for clarity on the two sets of contingencies in the capitol budget. Mr. Hansen, stated that they advise their clients to carry a 10% contingency especially on historic structure due to the unknowns and maintain a minimum of 15% for the HRF grant guidelines.

**8. Chabad House of CT, Inc DBA Chabad Chevra LLC, 100 Bloomfield Ave., Hartford. #38,473.50 for removal, restoration, and replacement of 29 wooden and leaded glass windows.**

On a motion by Ms. Nelson, second Ms. Carnell, the Historic Preservation Council voted to award a Historic Restoration Fund grant, funded by the Community Investment Act of the State of Connecticut, to the below-listed applicant in the amount shown. 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. Staff recommended this application for funding.

(Y-7, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-3, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Applicant: Chabad House of CT, Inc. D.B.A Chabad Chevra LLC.  
Amount: \$38,473.50

Ms. Fink presented this application. Chabad House of CT requested funding in the amount of \$38,473.50 for the removal, restoration, and replacement of 29 wooden



and leaded glass windows. This application was referred to the SHPO's environmental review team and they made a site visit to view the scope of work provided as part of a FEMA non-profit security grant. The grant includes security enhancements to the building due to the high risk of terrorist attacks. Some windows will be restored, others will be rebuilt. This application has been reviewed by FEMA and they are on a strict schedule.

Ms. Nelson mentioned she did not see the specifications in the security report on how the windows are being altered. Ms. Fink replied on page 3 of the report, but she did ask for more information. Additional information was added but she does not have the specs and can ask FEMA to send that information to her. Ms. Nelson added normally if the windows are altered there will be a description of what's being altered. This information is helpful to the homeowner. Ms. Fink replied all this information will be identified and added into the bid documents.

Mr. Elmore asked if the new glass conforms to the blast resistant glass referenced in the security assessment? Ms. Fink replied, this was an option, they are going to use a film.

## **VI. State Register of Historic Places Nominations**

### **A. Unfinished Action Items**

### **B. New Action Items**

## **VII. Local Historic District/Property Study Report/s**

## **VIII. Archaeological Preserves**

## **IX. Threatened Properties - CEPA Updates – Todd Levine**

### **a. Deborah Chapel (Congregation Beth Israel Cemetery) – Ward Avenue, Hartford**

Mr. Levine reported that the Deborah Chapel was being demolished today. SHPO and HPC went through the process of trying to save the property with the Office of the Attorney General. After reaching out to the National Parks Service for a review of the Deborah Chapel, it was discovered that, back in 1984, the boundaries were not documented correctly, and the National Parks Service made the determination that the Chapel is not part of the Frog Hollow Historic District. Therefore, the Chapel is not listed on the National Register and the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) does not apply. The Attorney General's office has withdrawn their injunction and the owners are going forward with the demolition today. The Attorney General requested that Council formally vote on a motion to withdraw the referral. Moving forward SHPO will work to double check everything and do a better job.

Ms. Nelson asked if there could be a potential lawsuit coming. Mr. Levine replied at this time no, but there could be in the future. The Attorney General did not have any concerns at this time. Mr. Elmore shared his concern, due to him being the Chairman of the Historic Preservation Council at the time of the first meeting. Mr. Elmore

asked if the Council would be protected. Mr. Levine again shared the Attorney General did not see any forthcoming issues.

Ms. Shapiro added she has DECD's legislative liaison working with the State Department of Insurance looking into this matter and she will follow up with any other questions the Council may have.

Dr. Glaser stated she was disappointed with the outcome and moving forward we must make sure other structures, chapels, and resources such as this are surveyed and listed. Ms. Scofield added for the past 5 years she has been looking at nominations for Hartford and the Asylum Hill MRA and working with the State Review Board on updating. These projects are massive and must have local support. There are 1,682 listings and we are working with Circuit Riders to complete 20 years' worth of needed National Register updates.

Ms. Carnell stated that she is heartbroken at this news and is following up on a request she made at an earlier meeting as to whether there is enough information to put together state level documentation for this building. Mr. Levine replied yes, there are plenty of pictures with SHPO staff and Circuit Riders having visited the property numerous times. There are no measured drawings, but there is a lot of history documented. A consultant hired by Preservation Connecticut could complete this task.

Mr. Elmore asked if the site could be listed even though it is being demolished. Ms. Scofield replied that information can be documented in the ConnCris database, but SHPO does not list properties once they have been demolished.

Ms. Nancy Savin commented she was literally sick to her stomach over the Deborah Chapel being demolished today. In 1991, with Jack Shanahan and Mary Donahue she initiated a survey of all Connecticut synagogues. Because of this survey an additional 13-15 were added to the register. She was not aware of the Deborah Chapel at that time, which is why it was not included in her survey. Ms. Savin spoke with Cathy Labadia regarding having a feasibility study completed for the building.

Dr. Glaser suggested that SHPO make use of the survey that Ms. Savin initiated to ensure that these chapels and synagogues are listed so that situations like this can be prevented in the future.

Vice-Chairman Butkus read the proposed motion out loud for Council. On a motion by Ms. Burgess, second by Ms. Nelson, the Historic Preservation Council voted to rescind the motion of December 27, 2022. requesting assistance from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the Deborah Chapel 151, Ward St., in the Frog Hollow section of Hartford, Connecticut due to the Chapel not being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(Y-5, N-0, Abstaining-3, Absent-3, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

## **X. Preservation Restrictions**

### **XI. Report on State Historic Preservation Office – Jonathan Kinney**

Mr. Kinney welcomed the HPC's newest member, Ms. Deanna Rhodes.

Interviews for SHPO's new GIS Analyst position will be held the first week of September. This position will administer and maintain the new CONNCRIS system.

The Barnum Museum is Connecticut's newest and 65<sup>th</sup> National historic landmark. Ms. Kathy Maher, ex-Council member, is the Executive Director and she is planning a big event for tomorrow August 24, 2023. Mr. Kinney thanked Ms. Scofield, National Register Coordinator, for working on this project diligently for 13 years now. Ms. Scofield commented that everyone is very excited about this nomination. There have not been any new NHLs since 2021 and this is the City of Bridgeport's first.

Mr. Kinney thanked the Council for all their hard work so far this year. There will be no meeting for the month of September, and SHPO is hoping to host a hybrid meeting in October.

### **XII. Report on Museum Properties – Liz Shapiro**

Overall, the museums have been having a great season, with visitation back to pre-pandemic levels. The museums are fully staffed, (for the most part) which has resulted in the ability for staff to take short breaks for summer vacations – which is the first time in years.

Interestingly, staff is working on a historic firearms use policy for the museums, with assistance from our friends at Minute Man State Park.

Staff is also working on choosing a payment system that they can use outside and offsite.

#### **Old New-Gate Prison**

Ms. Shapiro was very pleased to announce that Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine was awarded a \$750,000 Semi quincennial grant for the rehabilitation of Viet's Tavern. Shortly after the award was announced, Ms. Shapiro was contacted by Senator Blumenthal's office to hold a press event onsite, joined by Congressman John Larson and assorted dignitaries.

Staff is still discussing structural plans for stabilizing the four-story cell block and meeting with our consultants plus the masonry engineering specialist to finalize the plan on Friday. It is unlikely that we'll be able to move ahead in the way that we had originally planned, but we have to weigh the costs, the preservation needs, and perhaps most importantly, human safety issues. Stay tuned.

Thus far both the Gem Show (which had to be postponed due to rain) and the Reenactment weekend were big successes. 400 visitors enjoyed the reenactment last weekend.

Staff from CT Humanities came to visit the site to tour and discuss planning for the 250<sup>th</sup>. State Senators John Kissel and Lisa Seminara were in attendance.

### **Eric Sloane Museum**

- The Sloane Museum hosted another successful Touch-a-Trade event on painting and drywall last weekend, which are getting some attention from our workforce team at DECD. Additional upcoming events at Eric Sloane include:
- Aug 26- Blacksmithing Day & Bruce Rosenbaum visit
- September 2- Kent Carnival booth and activity area
- September 9- Minute Man NPS & Sloane Collab
- September 22-24 CAMA Fall Festival
- October 7-8 Iron works tours & Blacksmith demos
- October 21 Touch a Trade

### **Henry Whitfield Museum**

The summer archaeology students from Southern CT State University have wrapped up another successful season.

The museum hosted a new event, “Nature Stewards Field Day”, with a special presentation by the Mohegan Tribal Nation, as well as live animal demonstrations by A Place Called Hope.

The next special event will be WelcomeFest, which happens on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Prudence Crandall Museum**

Visitation has been steady at the museum, which is not bad considering that they have yet to have their reopening special event!

Staff continues to work on plans for the press event and symposium. The symposium is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Update on Summer at the Museum:**

Ms. Shapiro provided an update on this year’s Summe at the Museum program, which has over 120 participating sites and runs through Labor Day. Visitation on CTvisit has been excellent!

From June 28-Aug. 21 The Connecticut Summer at the Museum page has:

Pageviews:       **352,926**

Outbound Links: **1,199,765** (clicks off of the page to participants websites)

**XIII. Old Business**

**XIV. New Business**

**XV. Liaison with Public & Private Agencies**

Nothing to report.

**XVI. Public Forum**

**XVII. Adjournment**

*On a motion by Ms. Carnell, second, Ms. Nelson, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.*

*Next regularly scheduled Council meeting:  
Wednesday, October 4 – Meeting format to be determined*