

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL MEETING  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
Wednesday, March 1, 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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**MEETING**

**Council:** Ms. Elizabeth Acly, Ms. Vincencia Adusei, Ms. Elizabeth Burgess, Mr. Paul Butkus, Ms. Marguerite Carnell, Chairman Thomas Elmore, Dr. Leah Glaser, Dr. Andy Horowitz, Ms. Sara Nelson and Dr. Sarah Sportman

**Absent:**

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

**Guests:**

Mr. Bill Chapin	Mr. David Gross
Ms. Susan Choquette	Ms. Joyce Simpson
Ms. Jane Ellsworth	Mr. Charlie Smith
Ms. Sharyn Esdaile	
Mr. Harry Evageliou	

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**II. Review of Public Comment Procedures**

Chairman Elmore read aloud the Review of Public Comment Procedures.

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

Chairman Elmore read aloud the Code of Conduct and asked the Council for any conflicts.

Ms. Acly recused herself from:

B.1 Bushnell Park Conservancy – Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Hartford, CT

B.8 Ellsworth Memorial Association, Windsor, CT

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

A. Minutes – February 1, 2023 Meeting

On a motion by Ms. Carnell, second by Mr. Butkus, the Council voted to approve meeting minutes with corrections.

(Y-8, N-0, Abstaining-2, Absent-0, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

B. Transcript – Part II – December 7, 2022 Meeting

On a motion by Ms. Burgess, second by Ms. Carnell, the Council voted recall to table, then table the approval December 7, 2022 meeting minutes transcript to next month's meeting to be held on April 5.

(Y-9, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-0, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

V. State Historic Preservation Grants – Action Items

A. Unfinished Action Items (added to today's agenda)

On a motion by Ms. S. Nelson, second Mr. Butkus, the Council voted to add last month's item B. Historic Restoration Fund, Ledge Light Foundation, Mouth of the Thames River, Latitude 41.3059/ Longitude -72.07748, CT. Masonry repairs, roof repairs, and repairs to the window trim and soffits on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to today's agenda.

(Y-8, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-0, Recused-1) (Roll call vote)

On a motion by Ms. Carnell, second Ms. S. Nelson to recall this motion to the table, then table it until next month's April 5, 2023 meeting.

(Y-8, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-0, Recused-1) (Roll call vote)

B. New Action Items

1. Survey and Planning Grant, Bushnell Park Conservancy, Second Condition Assessment for Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Hartford

*Ms. Acly was recused from this application.*

On a motion by Ms. Burgess, second Ms. S. Nelson, applicant was called to the table. The Historic Preservation Council votes to award 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.

(Y-8, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-0, Recused-1) (Roll call vote)

Staff recommends the application for funding.

Applicant: Bushnell Park Conservancy, Inc.

Project: Phase 2 condition assessment for the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Arch and Ford Street Bridge (1885) 99 Trinity Street, Hartford.

Amount: \$20,000

Ms. Dunne presented this application with the staff's approval. The applicant did receive a condition assessment grant and did apply for an HRF. More information is needed for the Plans and Specs. This application is for a second condition assessment expanding on the original one and recommending treatment and specifications to apply for an HRF. Ms. Mary Zeman was on the phone for any question or concerns.

Ms. Burgess asked if the documents were pre-bid? Ms. Dunne replied noting, they should not be pre-bid and she will double check. This application is only for the condition assessment which requires a match. After this assessment, the applicant will submit another application for the pre-bid documents, which will not require a match.

Chairman Elmore added conditions were uncovered that were beyond the applicant's financial capabilities.

After some clarity, Ms. Carnell commented she was happy to support this application.

Ms. Adusei asked what the \$500 budget line for advertising covered and if the contract of services was included? Ms. Dunne replied that it is for signage, but that signage is not a requirement for HRF grants and will not be a necessary expense that we would cover.

Ms. Carnell asked if Ms. Acly and her team were going to serving as the material conservator on this project? Ms. Zeman believes another company was hired to complete that task.

## **2. Survey and Planning Grant, Wilton Historical Society, Geophysical Survey for Human Burials, Spruce Bank Cemetery, Wilton**

*On a motion by Ms. Carnell, second by Mr. Butkus, the Historic Preservation Council votes to bring this item to the table for discussion.*

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*(Y-9, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-0, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)*

Staff recommends the application for funding.

Applicant: Wilton Historical Society

Project: Geophysical Survey for Human Burials at Spruce Bank Cemetery site  
(1749) 331 Danbury Road, Wilton.

Amount: \$4,500

Ms. Dunne presented this application with the staff's approval. This is a new subgrant category within the Survey and Planning grant to provide municipalities with material to survey and identify burials that are more than 100 years old using GPR. This is a nonmatching grant.

Free and enslaved residents of Woodbury are buried in this cemetery. Mr. Nick Foster was on the call for any questions or concerns. Mr. Cory Atkinson, Staff Archeologist of the SHPO staff was also present for any questions. Mr. Atkinson added these types of projects would not normally fall under the purview of this office.

Chairman Elmore asked why check for graves 100 years or older? Mr. Atkinson replied the graves may be unmarked due to period of time passing. This new technology is providing modern cemeteries with better information about burials that does not require ground disturbance.

Mr. Butkus asked if it is better to conduct these surveys at a certain time of year due to weather constraints? SHPO responded that the people conducting the survey are aware of the best conditions to do their work.

Chairman Elmore asked if this was wooded area on the hillside as seen in the photo. Ms. Dunne replied the area is beyond the trees behind the house.

Ms. Sportman added this GPR is a service the Office of the State Archaeologist used to provide for municipalities through The Natural Resources Conservation Service. Due to staffing loss, the service was minimized, then terminated. This grant category of support will enable the state to offer this service again. She is very excited for the program and thanked everyone involved.

*Chairman Elmore commented after speaking with Council members, he wanted to see if anyone had any overall comments, questions, or concerns on the current HRF grant applications.*

Mr. Butkus noted that even though SHPO has a \$200,000 dollar limit, he was curious to if SHPO allowed project phasing. Ms. Dunne replied these grants do enable grantees to phase projects when they do not have all of the funds at once. Each application must state a complete and discreet project. Budget constraint issues are especially prominent for smaller nonprofits.

Ms. Carnell mentioned she was having an issue reading PDFs. Chairman Elmore did speak with Erin, Mary, Jonathan, and Liz Monday to determine ways to rectify this issue.

Ms. S. Nelson spoke about scope and specification issues. At times the applications are hard to review and understand given the presentation of the material.

Ms. Shapiro mentioned staff is trying to remove barriers to the HRF program and will be happy to work with the council to support their need for enough documentation in order to evaluate proposed rehabilitation projects. Ms. Adusei agreed with Ms. S. Nelson that some of the scopes are presented so differently and suggested that every application should have a first page with a trade breakdown, and a cover page stating specific pricing breakdowns and describing site work.

Ms. S. Nelson mentioned the Council and SHPO used to step back and have regular conversations on any issues that may arise and would be helpful if that occurred again.

**3. Historic Restoration Fund, First Church of Christ, 3 Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge, CT., Interior plaster repairs, painting, and floor repairs. \$142,637**

On a motion by Ms. Burgess, second by Ms. S. Nelson, the Historic Preservation Council votes to bring this item to the table for discussion.

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(Y-9, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-0, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Staff recommends the application for funding.

Applicant: First Church of Christ Woodbridge, 3 Meeting House Lane,  
Woodbridge, CT.

Project: Interior plaster repairs, painting, and floor repairs.

Amount: \$142,637

Mr. Kinney presented this application in Ms. Fink's absence. The first phase of the project was covered by a previous HRF grant in 2021. Ms. Fink made a site visit in 2021 to view the ceiling which she notes, "is incredible". Photographs are included in the application. Ms. Joyce Simpson was on the call for any questions or concerns.

Ms. Acly commented in support; however, she was confused about Phase 2 scope. John Canning's report had 2 options, stripping paint, or adding a basecoat. Ms. Simpson replied everything was sorted out in Phase 1.

Ms. Adusei was curious about the 5% construction cost was. 5% is \$13,000. Ms. Simpson replied, the painting and stripping of the floor to the original luster is under the direction of John Canning.

**4. Historic Restoration Fund, The Opera House Players, 100 High Street, Enfield, CT., Foundation repairs and structural repairs for phase 1 of restoration. \$191,543.50**

On a motion by Ms. Carnell, second by Ms. Acly, the Historic Preservation Council votes to bring this item to the table for discussion.

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(Y-9, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-0, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Staff recommends the application for funding.

Applicant: The Opera House Players, 100 High Street, Enfield, CT.

Project: Foundation repairs and structural repairs for phase 1 restoration.

Amount: \$191,534.50

Mr. Kinney presented this application in Ms. Fink's absence with staff's approval. The applicant is applying for the first phase of the restoration grant this project to create a new meeting space. The first phase will include foundation repairs and structural support. The applicant has design development and construction drawings from GNCB Engineering which will be used to create bid documents. This will create a new theatre space in the sanctuary. Ms. Susan Choquette was on the call for any questions or concerns.

Ms. Acly requested that another round of designs is needed as she did not see a lot of restoration and needs more info on the contractor side to fully understand the scope of the project. Ms. Choquette added the drawing were the bid documents and should have all the details. Ms. Carmelich, SHPO added the HRF grant covers the restoration of rehabs, and this project falls under that umbrella.

Dr. Glaser commented that minority and women's history was marked N/A on the application and found it hard to believe there was no women's history associated with the church and felt more research should have been done.

Ms. Choquette added the building had not functioned as a church in a very long time and was not sure of women's history associated with the church. The applicant purchased the building from the Town of Enfield and was using the building for many purposes, such as an activities center, a theatre and for senior services.

Mr. Harry Evageliou, Treasurer of The Opera House Players, obtained detailed history on the playhouse and will send what was found to the staff. Dr. Glaser added it sounds like the National Register nomination needs to be updated.

**5. Historic Restoration Fund, Aldrich Free Library, 299 Main Street, Moosup, CT., Foundation, chimney, window, and exterior envelope repairs. \$85,000**

On a motion by Ms. S. Nelson, second by Ms. Carnell, the Historic Preservation Council votes to bring this item to the table for discussion.

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(Y-9, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-0, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Staff recommends the application for funding.

Applicant: Aldrich Free Library, 299 Main Street, Moosup, CT.

Project: Foundation, chimney, window, and exterior envelope repairs.

Amount: \$85,000

Mr. Kinney presented this application in Ms. Fink's absence with staff's approval. The applicant is applying for the first phase of a restoration project that will address the specific needs of the chimney, foundation, windows, and gutters. Crosskey Architects assessed the building via a Survey and Planning grant. The scope of work was provided in that report. The building will continue to be a library. Mr. Jordan Lumpkins was on the call for any questions or concerns.

Ms. Acly and other Council members commented they were unable to view the uploaded plans and specs for this project application.

Chairman Elmore noted the cost estimate was prepared eighteen months ago in 2021 at a cost of \$154,000, and asked if the applicant was secure with these numbers. Mr. Jordan responded that these were Crosskey's figures.

On a motion by Ms. S. Nelson, second by Ms. Carnell, the Historic Preservation Council votes to table this application to the April 5, 2023 meeting to give the Council time to view all documents.

(Y-9, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

**6. Historic Restoration Fund, Branford Land Trust, 26 School Street, Branford, CT. Repairs to the schoolhouse, firehouse and garage which will include systems upgrades, roofing, mold remediation, carpentry, window and door restoration, grading, and a new septic. \$200,000**

On a motion by Ms. Sportman, second by Ms. Burgess, the Historic Preservation Council votes to bring this item to the table for discussion.

The Historic Preservation Council votes 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.

(Y-9, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent 0-, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Staff recommends the application for funding.

Applicant: Branford Land Trust, 26 School Street, Branford, CT.

Project: Repairs to the schoolhouse, firehouse and garage which will include systems upgrades, roofing, mold remediation, carpentry, window, and door restoration, grading and a new septic.

Amount: \$200,000

Mr. Kinney presented this application in Ms. Fink's absence with staff's approval. The applicant is applying for repair and energy efficiency upgrades to the schoolhouse, firehouse, and garage. Mr. Rick Weiz, Architect and Town Building Inspector identified system upgrades, mold remediation, septic system, roof, wiring, and restoration of door and windows. Preservation CT has provided partial funding and will continue site visits to this property. Mr. Bill Chapin was on the call for any questions or concerns.

Ms. S. Nelson expressed difficulty in downloading the application material.

The application was submitted based on estimates as the plans and specs were not ready at the time of application.

Chairman Elmore asked if structural drawing would be prepared as part of the grant project, or if they already exist? Mr. Chapin replied that the drawings do not exist.

Ms. Acly asked if a Structural Engineer was on the project, noting that she believes more information and pictures are needed. Mr. Chapin replied there was no evidence of structural damage, and that this application is for plans and specs.

Chairman Elmore asked how extra repairs would be paid for? Mr. Chapin replied they do have funds to pay for extra repairs if they arise.



Ms. S. Nelson added plans and specs are tools of communication and must document what work we are funding, because of this she would like more clarity.

Mr. Chapin acknowledged the urgency of replacing the oil burning furnace due the effects on the environment but was willing to table the project.

On a motion by Ms. S. Nelson, second by Ms. Carnell, the Historic Preservation Council votes to table this application to the April 5, 2023 meeting to allow the applicant time to work with SHPO to gather more info and complete application documents.

(Y-9, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

**7. Historic Restoration Fund, Dixwell Avenue Congregational United Church of Christ, 217 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT., Roof replacement to remaining half of the building. \$200,000**

On a motion by Ms. Burgess, second by Ms. S. Nelson, the Historic Preservation Council votes to bring this item to the table for discussion.

The Historic Preservation Council votes 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.

(Y-8, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-1, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)

Applicant: Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church, 217 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT.

Project: Roof replacement to remaining half of the building.

Amount: \$200,000

Mr. Kinney presented this application in Ms. Fink's absence with staff's approval. This is the second half of an emergency roof replacement.

The first half was funded in 2022 with an HRF grant and completed in 2023, this was the urgent next step. The applicant has been allocated ARPA funding to complete a full restoration which will start in the next six months. Ms. Sharyn Esdaile and Mr. Joseph Magnani were on the call for any questions or concern.

Mr. Magnani gave history on the building. Built in 1969, the roof is no longer patchable. There are multiple areas needing attention including structural damage, reconstruction of walls due to leakage, lighting, stairs, ventilation, and ADA accessibility. No elevator will be installed.

Ms. Sharyn Esdaile added in the past they were very close to losing the building altogether. SHPO has presented us with a teachable moment in helping us to restore 203 years of history.

**8. Historic Restoration Fund, Ellsworth Memorial Association, 778 Palisado Avenue, Windsor, CT., Window restoration and addition of storm windows. \$72,000**

*Ms. Acly was recused at 11:19 a.m.*

*On a motion by Ms. Carnell, second by Dr. Glaser, the Historic Preservation Council votes to bring this item to the table for discussion.*

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*(Y-8, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent 0-, Recused-1) (Roll call vote)*

Staff recommends the application for funding.

Applicant: Ellsworth Memorial Association, 778 Palisado Avenue, Windsor, CT.

Project: Window restoration and addition of storm windows.

Amount: \$72,000

Mr. Kinney presented this application in Ms. Fink's absence with staff's approval.

The association is seeking funding for the restoration of 27 windows after receiving a Conditions Assessment. The building does have an easement and Mr. Mike Forino of Preservation CT has visited this property and is familiar with their needs. There were three quotes from window companies in the application and the applicant has a limited budget. Ms. Janet Ellsworth was on the call for any questions or concerns.

Chairman Elmore asked if the applicant uses all their contingency money can they come back for more? Ms. Dunne replied yes, they can.

Dr. Glaser mention the application did include women's history but wondered about including additional history about Mr. Ellsworth's own anti-trade beliefs as well as other historical information.

Ms. Ellsworth commented The Daughter of the American Revolution has had stewardship of the house for 120 years, noting that they feel they have been presenting an honest history of the house, and are trying to improve by recently applying for a Museum Makeover Grant. She added that Mr. Ellsworth's son was the attorney who represented Prudence Crandall.

Mr. Butkus noted that it would be helpful in the future to add a one-page cut sheet to the application to detail what products are being applied in restoration work.

**9. Historic Restoration Fund (Funding Increase Request), Killingworth Congregational Church, 273 CT-81, Killingworth, CT., \$6,000 for additional work in Narthex. Original grant approved on January 1, 2023 for \$35,585.**

*On a motion by Ms. Carnell, second by Ms. S. Nelson, the Historic Preservation Council votes to bring this item to the table for discussion.*

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*(Y-9, N-0, Abstaining-1, Absent-0, Recused-0) (Roll call vote)*

Staff recommends the application for funding.

Applicant: Killingworth Congregational Church, 273 CT-81, Killingworth, CT.

Project: Funding increase to include plaster repairs in the narthex.

Amount: \$6,000

Mr. Kinney presented this application in Ms. Fink's absence with staff's approval. The applicant applied for a small increase to the Restoration Fund grant to cover plaster work that was mistakenly omitted for the original application. Mr. David Gross was on the call for any questions or concerns.

Mr. Butkus asked if the previous water issues have been addressed. Mr. Gross replied yes.

Chairman Elmore asked if the grant was matching and Mr. Gross replied yes, it is \$12,000 matching.

## **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 – Deborah Chapel

There was a moratorium presented for the Deborah Chapel at the AG's office March 1. Once the language of the moratorium is approved, it will be sent to the congregation. The moratorium states that Congregation Beth Israel may take no action towards the destruction of the chapel for the next six months. If the moratorium is not signed, the Assistant Attorney General will file an injunction. The demolition delay will expire of the 21<sup>st</sup>, so a decision must be made before then.

There is a potential CEPA hearing for the April HPC meeting. Todd Levine is still negotiating towards an alternative.

### X. Preservation Restrictions

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

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is the date that will be work best for everyone for the CEPA training. The staff will reach out to the OAG to set up the virtual training. Mr. Kinney asked the council if it would be possible for the AC item to be presented on the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 agenda. He will be sending out an invite email. There will be an agenda and a public notice posted. We are expected to have a quorum of Members and the training will be recorded for those unable to attend.

Ms. Cathy Labadia and Mr. Jonathan Kinney of the SHPO staff will be attending the Federal Historic Preservation Advocacy week in Washington, D.C. March 6-9, 2023. This is an opportunity to network with the SHPOs and Preservation professionals from all over the country. There will be a series of workshops and educational secessions. Most importantly, the Connecticut's Congressional Delegation and the staff will be present to speak about any preservation issues and talk about the benefits, Federal Historic Preservation funding and all the good things our office accomplishes. They will also be engaging in some of the hot topics and challenges that are facing the Preservation community nationally. Mr. Kinney will report on this trip at the April 5, 2023 meeting.

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

March 1, 2023

#### **Museums General:**

Postings for the seasonal guide positions at the museums finally opened on February 28.

Deaccessioning continues focused on the book collection at the Prudence Crandall Museum. Ms. Jodi Polsgrove is working closely with DAS with the goal of having the first batch available for public auction on the DAS surplus website in the next two weeks.

Museum staff are meeting for the final staff meeting next week. Staff will be working on Emergency planning, making decisions about paid advertising and other museum marketing for the season, and reviewing plans for presenting school programs.

### **Prudence Crandall Museum**

Curator Joanie DiMartino shared a final report on the 2022 museum season, which was a “soft” reopening. Without any advertising the museum had 404 visitors for timed tours. They also presented 15 virtual learning experiences and had 11 interviews with press and podcast hosts. While these are small numbers, they give us a baseline to judge what the full potential of the site looks like, within our new interpretation strategy.

Visitors to the museum have been highly positive about the experience – and we’ve been collecting visitor surveys. One comment stated, “I thought, if there aren’t any exhibits, we better have the best guide ever, and we did!” Another visitor commented, “She had us laughing, crying and captivate for a solid hour...Highly recommend taking a visit and donating to the Prudence Crandall Museum.”

### **New-Gate**

This past month the site had various tree removals done (one large tree within the museum perimeter walls, and various others. Work will resume on the new pathway to the entrance paid for by the Town of East Granby and facilitated by the Friends of Old New-Gate. Ms. Morgan Bengel reports that things are moving forward with the Cell Block Stabilization as well as the Geotechnical contract for a survey of the mine.

### **Henry Whitfield**

Various heat issues have plagued the museum and visitor center, but as of now, the fix seems to be holding.

Ms. Michelle Parrish and Mr. Chris Collins have been working with students from Southern CT State University to plan and install an exhibit about archaeological items excavated from the site, as well as a new exhibit on the Colonial Revival to be in the education shed.

The walk-through visit associated with the RFP for the restoration work identified in the America 250 grant was held on February 21. Ms. Michelle Parrish, Curator, has been working on responding to questions. The bids will be received by March 8th.

### **Eric Sloane**

Staff member Mr. Andrew Rowand is working to piece together the trail of paperwork that granted the CT Antique Machinery Association easements to the property. Last week, he made amazing headway, as a new CAMA volunteer, is also a DOT employee and went through CAMA files with a deeper understanding of what he was looking to find. The next task is to meet with our DECD legal team to determine what may be done to the land identified in the easement.

These are easements that traveled with the original purchase of the property from the Stanley Corporation to DEEP and to the CT Historical Commission (now located within DECD). This information is critical because it effects CAMA's plans to build an excursion railway on the easement.

**XIII. Old Business**

**XIV. New Business**

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

**XVI. Public Forum**

**XVII. Adjournment**

*On a motion by Ms. Burgess, second Ms. Carnell, this meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.*

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Deborah D. Gaston

***Next regularly scheduled Council meeting:  
Wednesday April 5, 2023 – Meeting format to be determined***