

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

August 7, 2009

Susan Chandler  
State Historian  
Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism  
1 Constitution Plaza  
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Nathan Hale Hotel and Bristol Armory

Dear Ms. Chandler:

This is in response to your request that deed restrictions be placed on the transfer of the Nathan Hale Hotel, located at 833 Main Street in Willimantic, and the Bristol Armory, located at 61 Center Street in Bristol.

As you are aware, I had previously written you on May 29, 2009 concerning the Nathan Hale Property, and in that letter, I denied your request for deed restrictions because, at the time, it was OPM's understanding that the structure is located within a local historic district and therefore, any exterior renovations would require approval of the local Historic District Commission. Subsequent to that letter, I was made aware that the building is not in fact located within the local historic district. Despite this discovery on my part, I do not see the need for placing deed restrictions on the transfer of these properties for the reasons set forth below. 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 the 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 diligence, desire and passion for protecting Connecticut's historic structures, I am confident that the legislatively enacted protections are sufficient to protect the Nathan Hale and Bristol Armory properties from any unreasonable destruction, and therefore, I do not believe that placing deed restrictions on the transfer of these properties 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.**

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**From:** Chandler, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 12:56 PM  
**To:** O'Brien, Patrick M.  
**Cc:** Bahlman, David; Mallory, Shane  
**Subject:** Armory, 61 Center Street, Bristol

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The State Historic Preservation Office is in receipt of the Notice of Proposed Land Transfer for the above-referenced property which is listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

In accordance with State policy and practice, this office requests that Preservation Restriction be included in the deed as part of the purchase and sale agreement.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to provide OPM with our review and comment on this proposed undertaking. Please contact me should you have additional questions concerning the matter.

Sincerely,

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**O'Brien, Patrick M.**

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**From:** Chandler, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2009 10:16 AM  
**To:** O'Brien, Patrick M.  
**Cc:** Bahlman, David  
**Subject:** 833 Main Street, Windham  
**Attachments:** Pres Restriction Seaside.doc

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The State Historic Preservation Office is in receipt of the Notice of Proposed Land Transfer for the above-referenced property which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In accordance with State policy and practice, this office requests that Preservation Restriction be included in the deed as part of the purchase and sale agreement. Attached is a copy of a deed restriction that was proposed by DPW's legal department for another historic property, for your reference. The document can be easily modified to reflect the facts and circumstances of the current transfer.

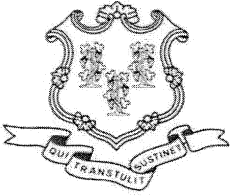
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July 29, 2009

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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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