



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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MINUTES

RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION
June 14, 2006

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert E. Cusack
Mr. Robert Goff
Mr. John Grosvenor, AIA
Mr. Michael Hebert, NR Review Board
Mr. Karst Hoogeboom
Mr. George Johnson, Statewide Planning
Dr. E. Pierre Morenon
Dr. Ronald Onorato
Mr. Frederick C. Williamson, Chairman & SHPO

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Jeffrey Emidy, National Register Assistant
Ms. Pamela Kennedy, Deputy Director
Mr. Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director
Ms. Sarah Zurier, Special Projects Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Joseph Dias, representing Dr. Michael Sullivan, Director DEM
Dr. James Garman, NR Review Board
Mr. Saul Kaplan, Executive Director, EDC
Ms. Patrice O'Malley Hagan
Dr. Patrick Malone
Dr. Patricia Rubertone
State Building Commissioner

GUESTS

Clark Schoettle
Susanna Prull
Kathryn Cavanaugh
Lebaron Preston
Edward Connors
Robin & Ginger Allister
Eric Hill

II. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M., Mr. Williamson, presiding.

2. Minutes of May 10, 2006, meeting

On a motion by Mr. Hoogeboom, seconded by Dr. Onorato, the Commission

VOTED unanimously to approve the Minutes of May 10, 2006.

3. Executive Director's Report

a) Mr. Sanderson welcomed George Johnson, representing the Office of Statewide Planning, to the Commission. Mr. Johnson replaced John O'Brien who has retired from State service.

b) Mr. Sanderson reported on the RI Marine Archaeology Project's public presentation to Governor Carcieri at the Colony House in Newport.

c) Although final legislative action has not occurred, it is expected that the RIHPHC budget for SFY 2007 will be approved for level funding. No information has been received regarding any legislative changes to the RI Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credit.

d) The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for September 13, 2006. No meeting in July or August is planned, although a meeting could be called if needed.

e) Ms. Zurier reported on completed State Preservation Grant projects: Blithewold Greenhouse, Westerly Armory, Beavertail Lighthouse, Babcock Smith House, and Providence Performing Arts Center. She also provided information regarding the 2006 SPG grants application and review process. The Commission needs to appoint the 2006 SPG review panel. Since there will not be a Commission meeting until September, on a motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Grosvenor, the Commission unanimously

VOTED to authorize the Executive Director to appoint members of the 2006 SPG review panel following submission of his recommendations to the Commissioners by e-mail and allowing a few days for Commissioners to offer their advice.

4. National Register Review Board

Final National Register Approvals

Bourne Mill, 1 Shove Street, Tiverton

Mr. Emidy presented information about the property, a textile mill built in 1881, designed engineer Frank Sheldon, with early 20th-century alterations. The property will be rehabilitated for mixed-income housing. Following discussion, on a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Commission

VOTED final approval of the nomination. Mr. Grosvenor did not participate in discussion or the vote because The Newport Collaborative may prepare a proposal for the project.

Preliminary National Register Approvals

Thomas & John Hope Company Mill, 1 Mashpaug Street, Providence

Mr. Emidy presented information about this property. During the 1850s-1880s, Thomas & John Hope Company developed innovative technology for engraving rollers used to print cloth, and in 1882 the company built the Mashpaug Street shop to manufacture the rollers. The building will be rehabilitated by Omni Development Company. Following discussion, on a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Mr. Grosvenor, the Commission

VOTED unanimously preliminary approval.

Rosemac Building, 69 Richmond Street, Providence

Ms. Kennedy presented information about a proposal to amend the Downtown Providence Historic District to include the Rosemac Building and six other buildings located near the corner of Pine Street and Richmond Street. The seven buildings date from the 1920s and 1930s and were built for a variety of commercial uses, a function they continue to serve. Mr. Hoogeboom noted that the buildings form a coherent streetscape that is consistent with the Downtown Providence Historic District. Dr. Onorato observed that preservation of the Pine-Richmond corner is important to retaining the urban context. Mr. Grosvenor felt that there is potential for historic rehabilitation development in the area presented. Following further discussion, on a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Mr. Grosvenor, the Commission

VOTED unanimously preliminary approval.

6. Other business: There was no other business.

7. Next meeting date: The next meeting of the Commission will be Wednesday, September 13, 2006.
8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Minutes recorded by,

Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer