



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION
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MINUTES

RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION
September 9, 2010

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert E. Cusack
Mr. Robert Goff
Mr. John Grosvenor, AIA
Ms. Patrice O'Malley Hagan
Mr. Michael Hebert, NR Review Board
Mr. Karst Hoogeboom
Dr. Patrick Malone
Dr. Ronald Onorato
Edward F. Sanderson, Deputy SHPO vice Frederick C. Williamson

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Richard Greenwood, Deputy Director
Ms. Mercedes Monteiro, National Register

MEMBERS ABSENT

John P. Leyden, State Building Commissioner
Dr. E. Pierre Morenon
Mr. Jared L. Rhodes, Chief of Statewide Planning representing Kevin Flynn, Asso. Dir
Dr. Patricia Rubertone
Mr. Keith Stokes, Executive Director, EDC
Dr. Michael Sullivan, Director DEM
1 Vacant

II. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 9:40 A.M. In the absence of Mr. Williamson, Mr. Hoozeboom assumed the Chair.

2. Minutes of June 9, 2010

On a motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Dr. Onorato, the Commission unanimously VOTED to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2010.

3. Executive Director's Report

a) RIHPHC Principal Archaeologist Paul Robinson and Executive Director Sanderson continue to work with counsel from the Office of the Attorney General to defend a federal lawsuit and participate in a contested hearing of the CRMC regarding preservation of the Salt Pond archaeological site in Narragansett. The federal district ruled in favor of RIHPHC regarding the Owner's standing for a claim of "Taking" his property, and the case is on appeal. The third CRMC hearing was conducted on September 7, 2010. The next hearing will be October 14.

b) Dr. Onorato reported that the Newport City Council has passed a revised historic district zoning ordinance. Dr. Onorato was a member of the City Council-appointed HDC Advisory panel that recommended revisions to the ordinance. Dr. Onorato also reported briefly on the discovery of WPA murals at the University of Rhode Island and plans for their restoration.

c) Dr. Malone announced that RIHPHC Deputy Director Rick Greenwood will be honored by induction into the William Blackstone Society of the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.

4. National Register of Historic Places

Preliminary Consideration: Yacht Weatherly, Newport Harbor

Dr. Greenwood presented information about the property. It is a 12 meter class sloop that raced for the America's Cup in 1958 and 1962, winning in the later year. Weatherly is a wooden structure and retains ninety percent original materials. The boat continues to sail and race from Newport Harbor.

Following discussion, on a motion by Mr. Grosvenor, seconded by Mr. Goff, the Commission unanimously

VOTED preliminary approval for the Yacht Weatherly.

Preliminary Consideration: Amendments to the Jewelry Manufacturing Historic District,
Providence

Dr. Greenwood presented information about the property. In 2009, the City of Providence received a CLG grant to resurvey the Providence Jewelry Manufacturing District and its immediate environs to reassess the district's boundaries and potential contributing resources. This reassessment was designed to take into account properties that were not fifty years old when the district was designated in 1984, but that may now contribute since the period of significance was extended to 1985 in 2008.

Upon the completion of the new survey, the RIHPHC staff reviewed the results with the Providence Preservation Planner and identified a number of properties that were likely candidates for inclusion in an amended district, as well as others that were potential candidates but were questionable in terms of remoteness from the existing district, historical integrity, or historical significance. The likely and possible candidates were located on Clifford, Bassett, Chestnut, South, Parsonage and Elm Streets.

Following discussion, on a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Mr. Grosvenor, the Commission unanimously

VOTED preliminary approval for 161 Clifford, 33 Bassett, 41 Bassett, 161 Chestnut, 171 Chestnut, 85 South and 147 South as candidates for inclusion in an amended district. The Commission requested additional research on 200 Chestnut and 202 Chestnut to determine whether they have lost integrity. The Commission recommended no further work on 8 Parsonage, 86 Elm, 43 Bassett and 75 South due to deficiencies in integrity or significance. The Commission also identified Barstow Stove Co. on Point Street and Ward Baking on Eddy Street as candidates for National Register consideration individually or as an another district.

5. Other Business
There was no other business.
6. Next meeting date: Wednesday October 13. 2010.
7. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Minutes recorded by,

Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director