

**2012 ANNUAL REPORT
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CONNECTICUT
STATE COMMISSION
ON
CAPITOL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION**



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To: The Joint Committee on Legislative Management

From: Robert D. Harris, Jr., Chairman 

Subject: 2012 Annual Report

It is my honor and privilege to submit to you this report of the Commission's activities for the calendar year 2012, as required by Sec. 4b-60, subsec. (b)(3).

I am pleased to inform you that the Commission once again met the statutory requirement of holding quarterly meetings. The minutes of those meetings are attached for your perusal. The following is a summary of the highlights of the Commission's actions/activities at those meetings.

Four topics of note that were discussed at several of the meetings are listed below.

1. The status of the project to return the Genius to the dome – funds for the installation on the dome will not be available until sometime in the future. The newly cast statue was assembled and displayed in the Capitol rotunda mid-December, 2009. It will remain there pending funds for its elevation to the top of the dome. It is now estimated that some \$450,000 will be required to complete the installation.
2. A review of the progress on the 21 – point Schoenhardt report. Five projects have been completed, four have been combined into one, and progress continues on others. Several items are on-hold until funding can be made available. A copy of the status of the projects as of December, 2012 is attached. (See Appendix E)
3. Funding was authorized for Legislative Management in the 2011 Bond Act, a portion of which will be used for projects related to the State Capitol. Specifically, \$700,000 was allocated to begin the repairs to the east and west skylights; \$800,000 was allocated for new vote tally boards in the House. The Commission voted to allow Legislative Management to make the choice of a horizontal or vertical format for the new boards; installation took place following the 2012 legislative session. A portion of the bond funds will also be used to begin the design phase for the blast mitigation project and for boiler replacement.
4. Battle Flag Conservation –The Commission was saddened to hear the news of Gerry Caughman's passing in early July, 2012. A memorial plaque is being planned to commemorate her dedicated work in overseeing the restoration of many of the flags. While funds have been appropriated (\$75,000 in FY 12 and FY 13) to continue this project, it is uncertain if budget cuts may reduce the level of funding.

5. The “Greening of State Capitols” initiative is complete. The last work items were accepted in early December, 2011. A new ice melting product was put into service this season which has yielded much better results.

Other highlights include the following:

At the December, 2012 meeting, the Commission enjoyed a presentation by John Canning about the restoration of the Capitol interiors in the mid-1980’s. John’s company was the major contractor for the project.

A second presentation at the December meeting was from Dr. Matthew Warshauer, the co-chair of the CT Civil War Commemoration Commission. He made a proposal (approved by the Commission) to accept a statue known as “The Forlorn Soldier”, for placement in the Capitol. It is a brownstone life-size figure of a Civil War soldier, which has suffered erosion and losses, and is in need of being preserved indoors. The statue was created just after the end of the Civil War by a company owned by James Batterson. (Mr. Batterson was also the contractor for the construction of the Capitol building.) It is planned to place the statue in the north lobby of the Capitol where there are several other Civil War – related items.

The Commission now has a website that went “live” in early January, 2011. During 2012 there were 1,108 views and over 21,000 hits. You can visit the site from a link on the CGA homepage, under the heading “Commissions”.

Also included as part of this report are the Commission’s governing statutes, its guidelines concerning the basic artistic standards for the Capitol Building and a list of Commission Members as of December, 2012.

The Commission wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to the staff of the Office of Legislative Management for their assistance. Of particular note are the services of Eric Connery, Jay Drew, Liz Conroy and Angela Cahill and Bill Clegg (both of Fletcher Thompson Architecture) – thank you!

Sec. 4b-60. State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration. (a) There shall be a State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration to consist of twelve members to be appointed as follows: Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, two by the speaker of the House of Representatives, two by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one by the House minority leader, one by the Senate minority leader, two members of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, one appointed by each of the chairmen of said committee, and one member of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism appointed by its chairman. The Commissioner of Public Works, or the commissioner's designee, shall be an ex-officio member of the commission and shall attend its meetings. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled by the original appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the term. The members shall serve without compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission shall meet at least quarterly, and more often on the call of the chairman or on the written request of a majority of the members. The commission may designate subcommittees to carry out its functions. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned.

(b) The commission: (1) Shall undertake a continuing review and study of the State Capitol building and grounds, with a view to developing a master plan for the preservation and restoration of the Capitol, including necessary structural changes, consistent with the original historical character of the building, with due regard being given to enhancing the interior and exterior beauty of the building, making better use of existing space and reducing public safety hazards; (2) may consult with state, federal or private agencies with respect thereto, and disseminate information on its activities; and (3) shall report on its activities to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management annually or as often as the committee shall direct. The Department of Administrative Services shall provide professional staff assistance to the commission when available. If such assistance cannot be provided within a reasonable time, the commission may, with the approval of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, retain technical advisors to assist in reviewing project plans and work.

(c) The commission is authorized to accept gifts, donations and grants from the federal government or other public or private sources for the purpose of such preservation and restoration.

(d) The Joint Committee on Legislative Management may undertake capital expenditure programs for which capital funds are authorized, in connection with such preservation and restoration. Such programs shall be carried out by the committee, pursuant to plans and specifications approved by the commission and in accordance with the bidding procedures in part II of chapter 60. The commission shall adopt regulations establishing basic artistic standards in keeping with the original historical character of the Capitol to assist the committee in the preparation of plans and specifications.

(e) The commission shall be an independent body within the Legislative Department for administrative purposes only.

**COMMISSION ON CAPITOL PRESERVATION
AND RESTORATION
GUIDELINES CONCERNING BASIC ARTISTIC STANDARDS
FOR CONNECTICUT CAPITOL BUILDING**

A. The United States Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" shall serve as basic guidelines with regard to renovation, restoration and rehabilitation of the Connecticut State Capitol Building.

B. Interior of Building

The integrity of the location, design, setting, materials, decoration, feeling and appearance of all interior surfaces shall be maintained, whenever possible, as originally designed, constructed and created. All restoration shall be consistent with the design, materials and appearance of the original plans of Richard M. Upjohn, original architect, and William J. McPherson, original decorator, of the building. There shall be no changes to the interior structure or finishes, including walls, floors, ceilings or partitions, without approval of the Commission on Preservation and Restoration of the State Capitol or its designated subcommittee.

C. Exterior of Building

The integrity of the location, design, setting, material, decoration and appearance of all exterior structure, surfaces, and finishes shall be maintained, whenever possible, as originally designed and created. All restoration shall be consistent with the design, materials and appearance of Richard M. Upjohn, original architect, and William J. McPherson, original decorator, of the building. There shall be no changes to the exterior structure, surfaces, or finishes without approval of the Commission on Preservation and Restoration of the State Capitol or its designated subcommittee.

Adopted by the Commission on Preservation and Restoration of the State Capitol in accord with Section 4b-60, C.G.S. (1981).

Commission Members as of December 2012

Robert D. Harris, Jr., *Chairperson*

Representative Emil “Buddy” Altobello

Bernard P. Auger

Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr.

Lorraine Guilmartin

Sally Martin

William Morgan

Thomas Ritter

John Ruffalo, III

Barry Williams

Dr. Walter W. Woodward, *State Historian*

Donald J. DeFronzo, Commissioner of Dept. of Administrative Services, *ex officio*

Elizabeth A. Conroy, *Clerk*

Appendix A

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
March 23, 2012
Legislative Office Building – Hearing Room 1B

Members Present: Rep. Emil “Buddy” Altobello, Robert D. Harris, Jr.

Members Not Present: Benny Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Donald DeFronzo, Lorraine Guilmartin, William Morgan, Sally M. Martin, Thomas Ritter, John Ruffalo, Barry Williams, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Others Present: Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m.

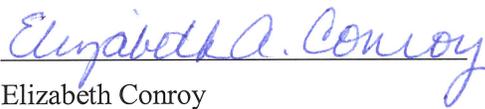
- ◆ Members present approved the December 7, 2011 meeting minutes by acclamation.
- ◆ *Green Capitols:* Jay Drew reported that the project was officially completed in December. We are now within the 1-year warranty period and are trying to secure the closeout package of as-built drawings and operation manuals from the engineering firm. We are prepared for the startup of the spring irrigation system.
- ◆ *Water stained walls on fourth floor:* The issue has been addressed with recent roof repairs. Leaks from the glass “doghouses” were the likely cause of the problem.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in process or recently completed:*
 - We are testing induction lighting options for the office “hockey puck” fixtures. The new bulbs require no warm-up period. Sensors will shut lights off when a room is not in use, reducing the load on the building’s wiring.
 - We have trimmed trees and removed broken stumps on the Capitol grounds to prevent disease caused by last year’s storm damage.
 - We are in the process of installing thermostats on the Capitol heat pumps which will result in energy savings.
 - Eric added that we have painted several window frames on the southwest side of the building ahead of schedule due to increased cracking.
- ◆ *Project Checklist update:* Additional funding will be needed to complete these projects.
- ◆ *Projects in design:*
 - *East and West Skylights required repairs* – Eric stated we are finalizing the contract with Fletcher Thompson. The work will take place during the interim. Funding is available to remove the skylights and make the necessary repairs. Additional funding may be needed to re-install the skylights.
 - *House voting boards* – The strong preference is to replace the existing boards with horizontal panels that will blend into the walls when they are not in use. We will work with the House Clerk’s office and the office of the Speaker of the House to finalize the plan.

- *Proposed ceiling fans in the Senate Caucus rooms* – Ceiling fans will not be installed in these rooms. By replacing thermostats and working to improve the function of the heat pump units, the air flow has improved.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:* Projects on hold include the Genius statue, battle flag conservation, elevator interior upgrade, exterior cleaning and restoration, office light fixture replacement, boiler replacement and blast mitigation / window replacement.
- ◆ Jay Drew added that during the interim we are planning to replace all of the lights in the House Chamber with long-lasting LED lights. We are also looking to use a different hoisting system that will reduce vibration as the fixtures are lowered to the floor. This plan should result in less wear and tear on the fixtures.
- ◆ *New Business:*
 - Gerry Caughman and her husband have completed a book on the Capitol's flag collection. A small run of copies were printed for distribution to the State Library. Gerry has provided Legislative Management with the electronic version of the book. We are trying to figure the best format for adding it to the Commission's website.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:* Bob Harris suggested a late June date for the next quarterly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy

Appendix B

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
June 27, 2012
Legislative Office Building – Hearing Room 1B

Members Present: Rep. Emil “Buddy” Altobello, Benny Auger, Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, Tom Ritter, John Ruffalo

Members Not Present: Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Donald DeFronzo, Bill Morgan, Barry Williams, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Others Present: Eric Connery, Angela Cahill, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, John Harnick

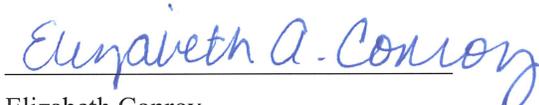
The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

- ◆ The December 7, 2011 and March 23, 2012 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ *Green Capitols:* Eric Connery reported that the project is close to completion. There was one concern with the permeable sidewalk on the east side near the fire exit door. It will be replaced with the non-permeable concrete. There are no aesthetic issues with this solution.
- ◆ *Water stained walls on fourth floor:* The recent torrential rain did not cause additional leaks. This agenda item can be closed.
- ◆ *House voting boards:* The new boards are currently being fabricated and should be completed by the end of July. Some of the vendors that have participated in walk-throughs related to the necessary wall repairs, which include stenciling, masonry and woodwork, have extensive experience with this type of work.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in progress or recently completed:*
 - Jay Drew reported that some trees on the Capitol grounds incurred storm damage last year. Selective pruning has addressed the issue. There are also two dead trees on the South lawn which will be replaced with like species.
 - We are continuing to plan the energy conservation re-lamping of the House Chamber and have selected an LED bulb with a possible 7-year life. We are also investigating an alternative hoisting system to reduce wear on the chandeliers as they are lowered.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:* Eric said that we are looking at more funding beginning in July when the budget process has been completed. Some of the items on hold may be completed and removed from the list during the upcoming fiscal year. Projects on hold include the Genius statue, battle flag conservation, exterior cleaning and restoration, boiler replacement and blast mitigation / window replacement. We are currently considering light bulb alternatives rather than fixture replacement for the office lights.
- ◆ *Projects in design:*
 - *East and West Skylights required repairs* – Eric reported that we are working with Fletcher-Thompson to complete the bid documents. We do have bond funding and hope to remove the skylights this year and reinstall them after the 2013 session.

- *Proposed ceiling fans in the Senate Caucus rooms* – The uneven cooling issue has been resolved utilizing controls. This item can be removed from the agenda.
- *Elevator upgrade* – The project design has been completed. We are now waiting to send this item out to bid once funding becomes available. The paneling in the three elevators will be replaced with real wood, the brass repaired, and the light fixtures replaced.
- ◆ *New Business:*
 - Jay reported that John Canning will be speaking at the Barnum Museum in Bridgeport on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 regarding the CT state capitol restoration.
 - Eric reported that we now have Gerry Caughman's flag book in electronic form and plan to make it available on a kiosk (with the Commission's approval) in the Hall of Flags for use by visitors.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:* Bob Harris suggested a late September date for the next quarterly Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.


Eric Connery


Elizabeth Conroy

Appendix C

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
September 24, 2012
Legislative Office Building – Hearing Room 1B

Members Present: Rep. Emil “Buddy” Altobello, Benny Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, Bill Morgan, Tom Ritter, John Ruffalo, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Members Not Present: Commissioner Donald DeFronzo, Barry Williams

Others Present: Bill Clegg, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Tina Mohr

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

- ◆ The June 27, 2012 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ *Green Capitols:* Jay Drew reported that all outstanding issues have been resolved and the project is complete.
- ◆ *House voting boards:* The installation of the House voting boards continues. There are a few sags in the covering which is expected as the fabric settles. International Roll Call will correct this issue before Session. Canning Studios has been selected to repair the masonry and that work has begun.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in progress or recently completed:*
 - The relamping of the Capitol office lights continues, with wattage usage reduced from 480-watts to 250-watts. There is a 100,000-hour warranty on the lamps which produce a cleaner light. The new lamps are not dimmable, but they will turn on immediately and will have occupancy sensors. There is a 15-minute re-strike period on the current fixtures.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:*
 - Eric Connery reported that due to the passing of Gerry Caughman, we are in need of an outside consultant to monitor the battle flag collection. There is some funding available for restoration of four flags. Bill Morgan suggested that the Commission and the Legislature acknowledge the efforts of Gerry Caughman. She deserves to be recognized for her hard work in overseeing the flag collection, perhaps with a citation and a plaque in the Hall of Flags. Rep. Altobello offered to introduce a joint resolution with Sen. Crisco for this purpose. Eric Connery added that he will forever be grateful for her diligent study and care of the flag collection.
 - The boiler replacement project has been postponed until BY14 because two of the boilers continue to function.
 - The blast mitigation project is still on hold. We continue with a diligent painting program to maintain the windows.

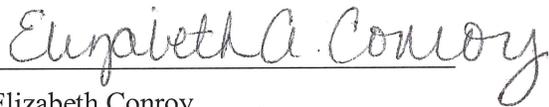
- ◆ *Projects in design:*
 - *Elevator upgrade* – We will not request bonding for the elevator upgrade project. We will use funding from the capitol expenses line-item in the budget.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:* Bob Harris suggested an early December date for the next quarterly Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Some members of the Commission visited the House Chamber after the meeting to check the progress of the House voting board installation.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy

Appendix D

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
December 10, 2012
State Capitol Building - Old Judiciary Room

Members Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Benny Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Donald J. DeFronzo, Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, Thomas Ritter, Barry Williams

Members Not Present: William Morgan, John Ruffalo, Walter W. Woodward

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

- ◆ John Canning presented a lecture regarding the Capitol restoration project. A video of the event can be found at <http://ct-n.com/ondemand.asp?ID=8480>.
- ◆ The September 24, 2012 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ *Active Projects:*
 - House voting boards - Eric Connery reported the restoration of the paneling and stenciling work has been completed by John Canning & Co.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in progress or recently completed:*
 - Green Capitols - The elements of the Green Capitol Project continue to function well. Requests for information and tours indicate that the public and private sectors have an interest in these technologies.
- ◆ *Project checklist update:*
 - Eric distributed an updated checklist. Some discretionary funding was removed from the budget. The stained glass work will be completed if a bond request is approved. Otherwise, the glass will be removed and stored until funding becomes available.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:*
 - Eric Connery reported that the approximate cost of placing the Genius on the dome is now \$450,000. Sen. Crisco asked if we could research the possibility of accepting private donations. Bob Harris offered to investigate.
 - Eric stated that all other projects continue to remain on hold with the exception of the office lights. This project will not move forward at all unless new workable technology arises.
- ◆ *Old Business:*
 - Eric Connery will follow up on the possible memorial for Gerry Caughman.
- ◆ *New Business:*
 - Dr. Matthew Warshauer presented a proposal for the Commission to consider accepting the Forlorn Soldier statue and placing it inside the State Capitol building, stressing the importance of the building to Civil War history. The project would include a conservation effort that would take approximately two months. The State would not incur any costs. Senator Crisco made a motion for the Commission to accept the statue and find it a suitable location. Lorraine Guilmartin seconded the motion. Sen. Crisco,

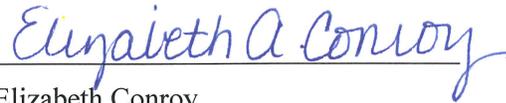
Bob Harris, Benny Auger, Commissioner DeFronzo and Lorraine Guilmartin voted to approve the motion. Sally Martin and Rep. Altobello voted no.

- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:* Bob Harris suggested an early to mid-March date for the next quarterly Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy

Appendix E

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Connecticut State Capitol Summary of Findings - Recommendations of Schoenhardt Architecture		Estimated Cost	Priority	Status	Expected Completion Date
1	Investigate documentation for granted code variances.	\$15k	3	Study completed	Complete
2	Preserve restoration-era drawings.	?	4	Pending	Hold for funding
3	Conserve one remaining Upjohn drawing.	\$2.5k	3	Pending	Hold for funding
4	Undertake oral history project with John Canning.	\$5k	3	Pending	Hold for funding
5	Ascertain optimum cleaning method for exterior cleaning.	\$160k (Design)	2	Cleaning and Restoration Proposals received, award to be delayed	Hold for funding
6	Award exterior door refinishing contract.	\$65k	1	Annual refinishing contract issued	Complete
7	Study north stair stone movement.	\$87k	1	Railing replacement pending	Complete
8	Study plaster ceiling problems - north, south, east porches.	\$5k	4	Included in #5 RFP	Hold for funding
9	Study concerns of exterior stonework.	*	3	Included in #5 RFP	Hold for funding
10	Consider cleaning interior stonework.	\$25k	4	Design study to be awarded	Hold for funding
11	Investigate water stains at dome's stained glass windows.	*	3	Included in #5 RFP	Hold for funding
12	Investigate rust stains on 1st floor and beams on various levels.	\$5k	4	Design study to be awarded	Hold for funding
13	Investigate cause of cracked window frames & repair.	\$10k	3	Proposed to be addressed with blast mitigation	Hold for funding
14	Study de-lamination of canvas in Senate Chamber galleries.	\$5k	4	Design study to be awarded	Hold for funding
15	Study skylights with peeling vinyl.	\$10k	4	To be included with skylight repairs	Complete
16	Engage consultant for dome lighting, Senate Chamber spotlights, and Old Judiciary skylight	\$20k	2	Previous design for dome lighting being reviewed	Study in progress
17	Consider water fountain restoration.	\$5k	4	Pending	Hold for funding
18	Consider investigating original paint scheme of Governor's office.	\$5k	4	Pending	Hold for funding
19	Polish and repair Columbus Urn in House Chamber Lobby.	\$5k	4	Pending	tbs
20	Clean Senate Chamber mahogany doors.	\$10k	4	Pending	tbs
21	Repair carpet seams in Senate Chamber Galleries.	\$5k	1	Vendor to submit proposal	Complete

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