

**State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission**  
**December 9, 2015**  
**Legislative Office Building**

Members Present: Brian Flaherty, Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, William Morgan, John Ruffalo

Members Not Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Melody A. Currey, Barry Williams, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Others Present: David Barkin, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Eric Crockett, Dan Davis, Kitten Digges, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Liz Ferruggiaro, John Harnick, Tina Mohr, Jim Tracy, Rick Voelker, Matt Warshauer

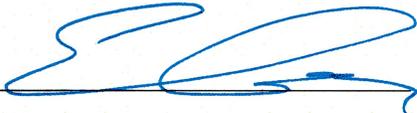
The meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m.

- ◆ Bob Harris introduced Brian Flaherty, the newest member of the Commission.
- ◆ The September 28, 2015 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ *Reprinting of Monument document:* Bob Harris continues to make progress on this project.
- ◆ *Active projects:* Jay Drew updated the Commission on the project list.
  - The LED light replacement project has been completed in the common areas of the Capitol. We are looking at scaffolding bids to relamp the chandeliers in the Senate Chamber.
  - We have found a solution for the Capitol office lighting, a brand new LED bulb that we have tested.
  - We are planning for repairs of the roof copper valleys.
  - Eversource will be arriving tomorrow to replace the main transformer that serves the building.
  - Tile is being replaced in the Capitol basement as needed.
  - The 18<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment flags have been placed in the new flag case at the end of the Concourse.
  - A steeplejack is coming in to replace the flagpole eagle. Eric Connery added that the original eagle will be placed in one of the basement display cases. Bill Morgan stressed the importance of making sure we preserve the damaged eagle, and have it on display. Dr. Warshauer suggested placing it at CT's Old State House.
  - The dome has been re-lamped. The new lighting enhances some of the architecture, but the dome would have to be lit from the top down for it to appear brighter, altering the historic nature of the dome.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects:* Eric continued with the update. The battle flag project is on hold pending funding. Dr. Warshauer questioned the move of the 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment flag to the Hall of Flags. He stated that the glass display cases in the basement were

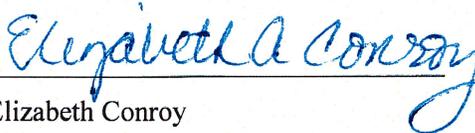
specifically designed for the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Regiment flags. He read the wording on the plaque that was designed for the 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment flag case. Eric suggested that we seek clarification on the final location for the flag.

- ◆ *Checklist update:* No changes have been made to the checklist.
- ◆ *Projects in design or to be scheduled:* We are still working on sending the boiler project out to bid, although funding of the project may be an issue. ADA funding should be sufficient to cover the costs of the wheel chair lifts, ramps and elevator design. The interior elevator project is now also on hold.
- ◆ *Projects on hold due to funding:* The exterior cleaning, public entrance design study, and blast mitigation/window replacement projects remain on hold.
- ◆ *Genius of CT:* Dr. Warshauer has placed the fundraising portion of the project on hold due to the current budget situation. The research portion of the project has been completed. Bill Morgan asked that Dr. Warshauer share the research draft with the Commission. Dr. Warshauer agreed, asking that the data not be released outside of the Commission because the material is still in draft form.
- ◆ *New business:*
  - Dr. Warshauer suggested adding QR codes to all of the Civil War monuments at the Capitol, making the information for each item accessible to smartphone users. Last year, his students researched each of the monuments inside and outside and have placed the information on the cthistory.org website. Bill Morgan suggested adding the codes to the League of Women Voters self-guided tour brochure rather than adding the codes to the items themselves. Dr. Warshauer offered to have one of his graduate students make the project part of their Masters program.
  - Jay Drew has spoken with John Canning. Mr. Canning is interested in doing another presentation on the restoration project. Jay also discussed the possibility of Mr. Canning walking through the building with a videographer to record his thoughts on the restoration. He would be available later in the spring to complete such a project.
  - Eric Connery added that funding has become available for a vehicle charging station to be placed in the North parking lot, pending Commission approval.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:*
  - Bob Harris suggested a mid-to-late March date for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy