



Danbury Historic Properties Commission

Minutes August 11, 2011

City Hall Room 3C 5PM

In attendance: Laurie Weinstein, Todd Knapp, Noel MacCarray, Jack Knapp, Dennis Elpern, exofficio, Bridget Guertin, guest.

Meeting began at 5:10. Meeting minutes from July 14th approved.

Bridget Guertin presented Danbury Historical Society goal of restoring the Ives home and asked for our support in this project. She articulated the importance of this goal for Danbury and the impact the restoration would have on tourism (particularly international) due to Charles Ives' importance in the music world. She did not specify how we would support the effort but welcomed our ideas. The bottom line is that money will need to be raised. She also agreed with the importance of the library mural restoration project but felt that the Ives restoration was of highest priority. She mentioned that a request to CT Trust for funds is being made and that under an HP tag program a preservation architect and a mechanical survey would be pursued. Dennis Elpern interjected that Chamber of Commerce should be contacted for financial support of this project. Bridget left following her presentation

.We all felt that this was a worthy cause and brainstormed possibilities for financial support including Todd Knapp's thoughts about contacting famous musicians who performed Ives' music. Dennis felt that as a Committee, our role would be to offer support in helping with grant applications.

Laurie presented an update on receiving \$2800 in assistance from the City to hire a consultant who will create a report on potential prehistoric sites of archaeological value. The City will be compensated by the State after the report is completed. Laurie felt the survey might spur local support for the study of prehistoric culture in Danbury area in terms of archaeological digs. Jack Robbins extended congratulations to Laurie for her success in this achievement.

New business: Dennis Elpern described his success in initial language he has been able to inject in ordinances that the City will be able to stand by in order to create standards for preserving the historical integrity of the Downtown area.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Minutes taken by Noel MacCarray in Mary Saracino's absence.

Mary Saracino

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