



CELEBRATION OF PRESERVATION & SILENT AUCTION

THE NEW HAVEN PRESERVATION TRUST
59TH ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 29, 2020
ONLINE GATHERING

NHPT

SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING

October 29, 2020, Online Gathering

6:30 Welcome

Rona Johnston, President
with opening remarks from Aïcha Woods,
Executive Director, City Plan, City of New Haven

6:40 Presentation of NHPT Awards for 2020

Duo Dickinson

6:55 NHPT Annual Meeting

Call to Order
Rona Johnston

Approval of the Minutes of the 58th Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report
Susan Godshall

Election of Nominees to Board of Directors
Roberta Pilette

7:05 “The Changing Face of Historic Preservation”

A reflection by Elizabeth Holt, NHPT Director
of Preservation Services, on how we honor
the buildings of the past from the midst of
contemporary concerns

Front cover: The hole where the Art Moderne Webster Bank so recently stood,
surrounded by the dramatic and distinctive architecture of downtown New Haven —
a rallying call for preservationists.

MINUTES OF THE 58TH ANNUAL MEETING

September 17, 2019 / Quinnipiac Club, New Haven

President Rona Johnston welcomed the group at 6:55 p.m.

WELCOME

Mayor Toni Harp was unable to attend due to a special meeting of the Board of Education. In her place the Mayor sent Laurence Grotheer, Director of Communications. Mr. Grotheer read the Mayor's notes thanking all for interest in the City's history and its preservation. Her notes commented on how the Trust preserves the history of the city through preserving its architecture. She also pointed out the tax credit workshops and their value and how protecting and promoting the local architectural fabric "makes New Haven, New Haven."

President Johnston thanked Mr. Grotheer for the Mayor's continuing support of the Trust.

President Johnston also mentioned the sponsors of the event: Yale, State Historic Preservation Office, Bruce Peabody, Esq, The Union, and Seabury At Home.

CALL TO ORDER

President Johnston then called the business meeting to order at 7p.m.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The president pointed out her letter in the 2018 Annual Report and encouraged all to read it. She stated there is clearly a strong need for the Trust after almost 60 years of preservation activity. And the Trust continues its strong commitment to preservation of the City's architectural heritage.

MINUTES OF THE 57TH ANNUAL MEETING

President Johnston directed the attendees to the printed 57th Annual Meeting minutes in the program and asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Susan Godshall, Treasurer, directed all to the financial statement in the annual report. The audit was clean for the 2018 financials. The report shows a modest deficit which was expected and about what was predicted. The deficit was a result of a slight timing gap, with one grant ending before the beginning of another. A motion was made to approve the report, seconded, and approved.

SLATE OF DIRECTORS

President Johnston explained that there were no new directors to be proposed as over the past year the Trust had done a review and decided to reduce the board size to twelve to eighteen directors. There are four directors who have agreed to serve second terms. They are: Channing Harris, Peg Chambers, Elsie Chapman, and Jill Martin. The slate was moved to approve, seconded, and approved.

President Johnston did ask for the attendees to acknowledge and thank outgoing directors: Jason Bischoff-Wurstle, Chad Chadderdon, Carol Cheney, Yasook Kim, Bruce Peabody, and Pedro Soto.

ADJOURNMENT

With the conclusion of business, there was a motion to adjourn the business meeting at 7:15, seconded and approved.

PROGRAM

President Johnston then turned the meeting over to Duo Dickinson, director, who introduced the lecturer, John Massengale. Mr. Massengale spoke on the value of walkable cities. The title of his lecture was *We Built this City to Walk & Stroll*.

Respectfully submitted:
Roberta Pilette, Secretary

PROPOSED SLATE OF DIRECTORS 2020

As an identical twin, **Elizabeth Bickley** has recognized the importance and necessity of sharing space with others since the womb. Unsurprisingly, Elizabeth is passionate about caring well for the environments we share: from community gardens to the regional watershed to sacred places to urban streets to cultural heritage sites. For Town Green District in Downtown New Haven, she works as Manager of Public Space Planning & Development and oversees capital improvements and public art projects. She also serves as Building and Grounds Chair for St. John's Episcopal Church, which has been a house of worship in New Haven for five generations. In 2018, she earned her master's in religion and material culture from Yale Divinity School.

Edward Cherry, a native of Greenville, NC, graduated from Hillhouse in 1945. After serving in the Army, he entered Howard University, graduating with a B.Arch degree. Licensed to practice in 1958, he formed his own firm in 1963 while at the same time he became highly involved with various civic and community organizations in New Haven. He taught for ten years at the Yale School of Architecture. He was a 20+ year member of the Historic Preservation Board of the Connecticut Historical Society; a founder and Board member of the Greater New Haven Business & Professional Association from 1964; a sustaining Life Member of NAACP; an early member of the National Organization of Minority Architects; a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects; a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and a 33rd Degree Prince Hall Scottish Rite Mason. Ed continues to work with the Ethnic Heritage Center with specific reference to tours of the Dixwell Avenue neighborhood, including the Goffe Street Special School, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Elihu Rubin is an architectural historian, city planner, and documentary filmmaker. He is associate professor of urbanism at the Yale School of Architecture, where he directs the undergraduate program in Urban Studies. Elihu is co-founder of American Beat, a documentary film company that has produced a series of films about social history and the built environment in New Haven. Working with his students, Elihu has initiated a range of community-based public scholarship projects focused on architecture and preservation, including the New Haven Building Archive (nhba.yale.edu); the New Haven Industrial Heritage Trails (nhvindustrialheritagetrails.cargo.site); and Excavating the Armory, which cultivates public reflection on the past, present, and future of the Goffe Street Armory.

CURRENT DIRECTOR TO NOMINATE FOR RE-ELECTION

After a 41-year career in the banking industry, **Glenn Trunkfield** retired in 2018. His last position was as Senior Vice President and Senior Credit Officer for the Business Banking division of Bank of America covering the State of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. He previously served on the board of NHPT, completing a full board term in addition to serving on the Executive Committee as Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer. In 2017, Glenn stepped down as Treasurer of Christ Church in New Haven after serving in that role for approximately 20 years. He has been a resident of New Haven since 1986.

DIRECTORS LEAVING THE BOARD

Leon Bailey
Michael Chiarappa
Duo Dickinson
Joe Dzeda
Pat Kane
Alan Plattus

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