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October 14, 1992

Ms. Iris Papale, Chairperson Wallingford Town Council 45 So. Main Street Wallingford, Ct. 06492

Dear Madam Chairperson:

Enclosed please find copy of letter which I wrote to Mr. John Shannahan, the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Historic Places Fact Sheet.

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I am sending thirteen (13) copies to the Town Council and I have been advised that this topic will be on the Town Council's agenda on October 27th.

We hope to have your support and the support of the Council in this matter. If you have any questions before the 27th., please contact Steve Lazarus at 265-3194.

Thank you.

Cordially,

WALLINGFORD CENTER, INC.

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Beverly Ø. Belliveau Executive Director



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Mr. John W. Shannahan State Historic Preservation Officer 59 South Prospect Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Mr. Shannahan:

Wallingford Center, Inc. has supported preservation work in our community for many years. The last year has been especially successful for us, with many homeowners restoring Victorian, Italianate, Colonial and Colonial Revival houses in our town center, merchants cleaning and restoring storefronts, and the Town of Wallingford restoring our Parade Ground. These efforts are celebrated in an annual festival that we sponsor. This year over 15,000 people came to enjoy our town center.

Work completed by the local Historic District Study Community in 1989 describes Wallingford's wonderful architectural heritage. We would like to see this rich heritage be acknowledged by enrolling the center of Wallingford on the National Register of Historic Places.

We support the application submitted by the Wallingford Preservation Trust to evaluate our district, and would be delighted to assist you in proceeding with this project.

Sincerely,

WALLINGFORD CENTER, INC.

Beverly D. Belliveau Executive Director

cc: Town Council Office of the Mayor Historical Society

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The quality on significance in American history, architecture, archeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and:

- 1. That are associated with historical events;
- 2. That are associated with significant people;
  - 3. That embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values or are otherwise distinguished;
  - 4. That may yield information important in prehistory or history. Ordinarily not eligible (unless they are integral parts of historic districts or meet special criteria) are cemeteries, birthplaces and graves of historical figures; religious and commemorative properties: structures that have been moved; reconstructed buildings; and properties that have achieved significance within the last 50 years.

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The National Register Does

- Identify historically significant buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts, according to the National Register Criteria for Evaluation.
- Encourage the preservation of historic properties by documenting the significance of historic properties and by lending support to local preservation activities.
- Enable federal, state, and local agencies to consider historic properties in the early stages of planning projects.
- Provide for review of federally funded, licensed, or sponsored projects which may affect historic properties.
- 5: Make owners of historic properties eligible to apply for federal grantsin-aid for preservation activities.
- Encourage the rehabilitation of income-producing historic properties which meet preservation standards through tax incentives.
- 7. Provide protection from unreasonable destruction, pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a-19a.

The National Register Does Not

. Restrict the rights of private property owners in the use, development, or sale of private historic property.

 Lead automatically to historic district zoning.

3. Force federal, state, local, or private projects to be stopped.

4. Provide for review of state local or privately funded projects which may affect historic properties.

 S. Guarantee that grant funds will be available for all significant historic properties.

 Provide tax benefits to owners of residential historic properties, unless those properties are renta! and treated as income-producing by IRS.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

o- No items will be considered by the Council if they are submitted after the Wednesday deadline.

o- Items on the agenda will not be considered without the department head or a designee of the department head present to answer questions on the topic being considered.

o- Agenda items must include appropriate backup information. Items without backup information will not be considered.

o- The Chairperson can request a time limit be set to discuss items on the agenda which will appear to be lengthy.

o- Meetings should start at 6:30 p.m. and adjourn at 11:00 p.m. If significant business remains after 11:00 p.m. then the meeting will be resumed on the following Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. with no new items added.

o- Council members are encouraged to contact department heads prior to the meeting to ascertain pertinent information relating to the item to be considered.

o- Special awards should be presented prior to the start of the meeting.

o- Discussion is limited to the items listed on the agenda.

o- We encourage public input during our meetings on each item on the agenda. We do not recommend that this change, however, time limits on each speaker should be considered.