

## Architectural Historian To Discuss Suffield Findings At Historical District Commission Meeting

Suffield, CT - Lucas A. Karmazinas of FuturePast Preservation (Hartford, CT) will present findings from a historical survey he completed on nearly 200 Suffield buildings and sites.

Both the public and Suffield residents are encouraged to attend the next Suffield Historic District Commission Meeting on June 6, 2016. From 7-8 p.m., Mr. Karmazinas will give a presentation on his detailed historical survey. The meeting will be held in the lower level conference room at the Suffield Town Hall located at 83 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT.

The Suffield Historic District Commission applied for, and received, a grant from the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office for the preparation of a Historic Resources Inventory. The survey was conducted by Heritage Resource Consultants, LLC, based in Newington, CT. The principal architectural historian for the project was Lucas A. Karmazinas from FuturePast Preservation, a Hartford firm specializing in research on historic research.

The Suffield Historic District Commission along with Patrick McMahon from the Suffield Economic Development Office wrote the request for a state grant. The survey focused on historic buildings in the eastern part of Suffield, most of which had never been included in a historic building survey. These areas include portions of Kent Avenue, Boston Neck Road, Mapleton Avenue, River Boulevard and East Street (Route 159). Mr. McMahon composed a second grant request to pursue another \$30,000 for the second phase of the local historic survey. This grant will focus on buildings of historic significance in the western part of Suffield. Both grants focus on areas outside of Suffield's Main Street as these buildings have been covered in one or more earlier surveys.

This project evaluated approximately 200 buildings and sites, which will contribute toward the Suffield Historic District Commission's goal of documenting much of the historically significant resources in town. The survey includes the detailed description of building style, date of construction, condition, notable features and the historical/architectural importance.

A primary objective of this survey was to identify and document the historic significance and integrity of the included structures.

"Today Suffield enjoys beautiful historic architecture due to preservation by past generations. It is gratifying to see residents of Suffield continue to support historic architecture for the enjoyment of future generations. I encourage anyone interested in learning more on the survey to join the June 6 Historic District Commission meeting," says Suffield Historic Commission Member, John Schwemmer.

Copies of the final report and survey forms will be available at the Suffield Town Hall, Kent Memorial Library, and the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office.