

**8-31-23**  
**Discussion Summary**

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- Bruce recalls **three** studies - one by Richard Sharp (2 volumes) and an additional two smaller studies but, he could not remember the names of the folks who did them.
- Bruce does not have any documents in his possession.
- He believes that all documents related to the park would be stored in the basement of the Stanton Building in New London.
- Bruce referred me to a Ned Hammond (860)-319-7328 who, had been a New London employee, retired from the City then, was hired back to organize all of the documents from various departments. Again, he believes they are all in the Stanton Bldg.
- I have a call in to Ned Hammond. I will let you know if I hear from him.
- Bruce recalls some of the details of the studies/proposals that we do not have. They are as follows:
  1. A **light show** that had lighting at Fort Griswold, Fort Trumbull (the fort bldg. only) and other locations on the river. A boat would travel around the lower Thames River and, upon arrival at a site of interest, the lights would come on and, a narration of the history of the site would be broadcast over a loudspeaker system. (I have some vague recollection of this but never saw any documents.)
  2. At the various historic sites, have **interactive holograms**, i.e., Benedict Arnold, Michael Totten (designer of Ft Trumbull), etc., who would be programmed to talk with visitors and, answer questions about the site and history.
- Construct a **centrally located interactive periscope** that children would look into and “sink” ships coming up the river. There is a periscope at Ft Trumbull Visitor's Center that folks used to be able to look through to see the river. It doesn't "sink" anything. I don't believe it is working any longer.
- Bruce said that he would be happy to assist us if we need him to.

I will let you know if I hear back from Ned Hammond. The bottom line is that if the documents are still around, they are most likely in the basement of the Stanton Building.

I will be back home on Sept 11 if you need me to do anything prior to our next meeting.

Pam Aey Adams



## UPDATE

I spoke with Ned Hammond this evening. He reports the following:

- There were definitely boxes of various reports about the Thames Maritime Estuary Heritage Park in the basement of the Stanton Building.
- There were also other documents about the park in file cabinets and/or boxes.
- The files were probably split among a number of tips including, the Capitol Theater, Waterfront Park Development, The Railroad Station and, possibly, others.
- Ned cannot remember a separate file box for the Heritage Park but, doesn't mean there wasn't one.
- Ned said he has been gone from his New London assignment for about 5 years.
- Since his departure, he said that "Rick" the IT guy, moved into a space in the basement of the Stanton Building. Not certain if files/boxes were moved as a result.

His recommendation is to contact Tom Bombria at the Planning and Development Office to get permission to go to the basement and search. He said to also speak with Rick since, some of the information we are looking for might have been moved from his space or, might still be there. If anyone knows Tom Bombria it might be helpful to have a discussion with him.

I can't work on this until after the 11<sup>th</sup> but, if anyone knows these folks or, has spare time, perhaps some preliminary scouting could be done. If not, I will attempt to tackle when I return.  
Hope this information helps.

Have a great Labor Day Weekend Everyone!

Pam