

## Old Sturbridge Village

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To whom it may concern,

I am curator at Old Sturbridge Village, one of the largest outdoor history museums in the country. Our educational mission focuses on preserving and presenting early New England history. As such I am excited about the imminent publication of Paul Wainwright's book about early New England meetinghouses. Combining his artistic photography with scholarly essays, the book cannot help but increase popular interest and understanding of these ubiquitous and iconic symbols of New England and her history. In these plainly beautiful buildings both religious worship and the direct democracy of the New England town meeting took place. They thus stand as perfect memorials not only to our past, but to the debates over the roles of religion and self determination that remain with us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It is my hope that you will support the publication of Paul's important work.

Tomas Kelleher

Most sincerely,

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