

THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes: *The Historic Properties Commission Town of Hamden held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Dept., Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue. The following issues were discussed:*

Attending: W. Doheny, A. Gorman, D. Ioime, T. Levine

Absent: D. Baker, E. Highkin, K. Minkema

Guest: Sean Donadio of Bianco, Giolitto, Weston Architects

CALL TO ORDER—Chairman Levine called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with Mr. Baker, Ms. Highkin and Mr. Minkema not available for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the April 21, 2010, Dr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Ioime. *The motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARING – Not at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Donadio addressed the issue of the windows from the meeting of March 17, 2010. Mr. Donadio reviewed the National Park Service Guidelines and found the description acceptable for work already completed on some of the windows. Chairman Levine proceeded to explain that the at the Public Hearing/Special Meeting of October 1, 2008 there were four stipulations to the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness of Memorial Town Hall and Addition for the Hamden Police Department. Stipulation number 1 reads “*if any significant changes in design and/or alterations of materials to be used or elevation changes imposed by the Hamden’s P&Z commission, the applicant must present the modifications to the Historic Properties Commission for approval within thirty days*”. This stipulation was not was not followed when the work on the windows was being done, it was only by chance that Chairman Levine stopped by the construction site and discovered what was being done to the windows. Mr. Bianco at the meeting of March 17, 2010 brought two samples with him, one a completed window and one that was going to be worked on. Chairman Levine advised Mr. Donadio that after a lengthy discussion Mr. Bianco would go back and review the work already done and the possible replacement of the windows. Mr. Donadio advised the Commission that the possibility of placing the windows that are no longer matching in a rear non view area is not possible due to the window sizes not matching. He also noted in a drawing that he would like to place the windows that were on the lower level Dixwell Ave. side to the Whitney Ave.

side since the sidewalk view is further to the building than the Dixwell Ave. side and therefore would not be as visibly noticeable. Chairman Levine proposed using a restoration expert for repairs and he will provide the names to Mr. Donadio. It is also noted that this now has to be brought to Mr. Curt Leng the Mayor's Administrative Assistant for consideration since this will be require a change of contract. Chairman Levine will send an email to Mr. Leng and cc Mr. Donadio with the information regarding the expert for the windows.

At this time the Public Session is closed, it is 8:07 p.m.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE – None at this time, Chairman Levine is sending the Clarification of Rules of Procedure to Town Attorney Sue Gruen. The Council has to reappoint the ad-hoc advisory committee for the Ivesville District.

Unfinished Business

- a. Memorial Town Hall – This item is covered above.
- b. Jepp's Brook Millsite – Nothing at this time.
- c. Ivesville District – Chairman Levine advised the members that the application had to be withdrawn at this time because a new approval by the Legislative Council for the ad-hoc advisory committee has to take place.
- d. Other Business – Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing at this time.

Adjournment – At 8:17 p.m. Mr. Ioime motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Doheny. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 16th, 2010, Parks and Recreation Dept. Conference Room, Government Center 2nd floor 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk