

HAMDEN TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

*Minutes of the meeting of
November 5, 2009*

Attending: E. Ariori, W. Folsom, U.M. Ford, S. Glenn, L. Salay, C. Sette, W. Spalter.

Absent: S. Seaforth

Guest: Robert Callahan, Hamden Board of Education

CALL TO ORDER—

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman C. Sette.

Chairman Sette welcomed the new member Ms. U. Monique Ford to the Commission. He invited her to tell the Commission about herself and the Commission members introduced themselves giving some background on their time on the Commission and their background. Chairman Sette also welcomed Mr. Robert Callahan of the Hamden Board of Education to the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the September 3, 2009 meeting – Chairman Sette entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2009. Ms. Glenn indicated the misspelling of her last name as with two “n’s”. Mr. Salay motioned to accept the minutes with the correction, seconded by Mr. Folsom. *The motion has six in favor and one abstention.*

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Review of By-Laws – Chairman Sette requested the members review the information that was provided by the Town Clerk to create By-Laws specific to the Technology Commission. Chairman Sette is going to be meeting with the Mayor Elect Scott Jackson to review the on going Technology plan for the town to get his ideas as to where he wants would like to see and to give the Commission direction.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Discussion regarding letter from Al Gorman Legislative Council President – Chairman Sette explained to Mr. Callahan what various projects the Commission has been involved in the last few years. He explained how graduate students from Quinnipiac University have reviewed various departments within the town and presented their findings and solutions to the Commission. The Commission has been looking at teaming up with the Board of Education to explore various ways the Town and BOE can share information, systems and other technology. Mr. Callahan is very interested in what the Commission has done, was a little concerned when he read the letter and summary to the Legislative Council President and that is why he has come to the meeting. He has asked Dave Richards in the past if he should come to the Commission meetings and Mr. Richards has always said it wasn’t necessary that he would report to the Commission what the Town and BOE are working on. Mr. Callahan and Mr. Richards talk at least once a week and sometimes share equipment. As it turns out Mr. Folsom was the individual who filled Mr. Callahan in on what the Commission was doing and why. Mr. Callahan would like very much to be part of any project the Commission is involved in. He would like to see what the Legislative Council Chamber needs and give input as to what he sees would

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work for them along with the shared information from the Commission. Chairman Sette had met Mr. Gorman at a local function and Mr. Gorman said that the Council is interested in the proposal presented, but of course cost will be a large factor. Mr. Gorman would like to meet with the vendor of the system but is also worried because some of the council members are not computer savvy. Chairman Sette assured Mr. Gorman that he understood that and the members can be given instruction, but all this can be worked out. Chairman Sette would like to meet with Prof. Bruce White to find out the time frame and what class would be appropriate for the next phase of the project. Mr. Callahan would like to meet Prof. White also to define the study. Mr. Callahan also noted that staffing and union are a concern in that no one is asked to do what they are not allowed. Mr. Callahan would like to get more definition and Chairman Sette and the Commission members felt this was a good idea. The Commission approved Chairman Sette meet with the Mayor Elect Scott Jackson and Mr. Callahan attend the meeting with Prof. White.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY –

An invitation was given to Mr. Richards and he has not yet met with the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT –

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Ariori motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Glenn. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Miller Library Complex Activity Room.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk