

HAMDEN TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Amended Minutes of the meeting of

September 5th, 2013

Attending: W. Folsom, M. Healy, M. Lavorgna, P. Mongillo, C. SetteW. Spalter,

Absent: M. Ford, S. Glenn

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Chairman Folsom motioned to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2013. Mr. Healy motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Mongillo. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Folsom welcomed the new member Mr. Michael Lavorgna. Mr. Lavorgna is as Hamden native and gave a brief description of his background. Everyone introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their backgrounds.

Old Business

- a. Response to letter and brochure given to Mayor – Chairman Folsom met with Mayor Jackson and felt that the meeting was very informative. Chairman Folsom questioned the current status and potential of the Commission. The Mayor wants to continue the Commission and understands the frustration the members have. The Mayor would like to see changes in the Library system and maybe the Technology Commission can touch base with the Library Board. He would like to possibly change the Web provider and have more control over the content. He would also like to go change from Open Office to Microsoft. There was mention of an IT director. Another subject broached was one system for the Town and the Board of Education. The members went on to discuss these areas and Chairman Folsom will send out an email with the points noted for each member to input suggestions, recommendations and come up with a comprehensive summary to work from and present to the Mayor.

Department Activity

Update from Dave Richards on the status of IT – Mr. Spalter spoke with Dave Richards. Mr. Richards noted the key accomplishments from January 2013 until the present. He mentioned the lack of resources. There was a significant savings in the phone service as the town no longer uses AT&T. Work is being done on the building and improving the infrastructure. Mobile tablets to replace laptops for Fire and Public Works. Personnel issues were discussed in that there is no training, no budget for current training and Dave and Chuck do take it upon themselves to keep up to date with what is going on. Dave would like to see maybe one or two additional personnel and noted that he has had interns some of whom he would hire. Some continue to keep in touch with Dave and at times provide information that is of help.

New Business

- a. Review Meeting Dates for 2014 – After a brief discussion the members agree the dates are okay and that should a change be necessary it will be handled accordingly. Mr. Sette motioned to accept the Meeting Dates for 2014, seconded by Mr. Lavorgna. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Adjournment

At 8:18 p.m. Mr. Sette motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Healy. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 3rd, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, Government Center.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk