

# HAMDEN TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

*Minutes of the meeting of  
November 7, 2013*

**Attending:** W. Folsom, M. Healy, P. Mongillo, C. Sette, W. Spalter,

**Absent:** M. Ford, S. Glenn, M. Lavorgna

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

## **Approval of minutes**

Chairman Folsom entertained a motioned to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2013. Mr. Healy motioned to accept the minute, seconded by Mr. Mongillo. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

## **Old Business**

- a. Further discussion from the October meeting regarding conversation with Mayor Jackson – A lengthy discussion ensued on the topic of Digital Divide. It was noted that 15% of adults over 18 don't use the internet and that the internet doesn't interest 33% of adults. Mr. Spalter noted that demographic are an issue and Chairman Folsom noted people with disabilities are another divide. Resources need to be made more available. The subject of the library was also discussed with the question being, "how do they select technology books that they stock." Mr. Spalter stated they have a system but the technology section doesn't cover enough on the use of computers and the internet and its resources. Mr. Healy will contact the library for information on their system for choosing resource books. Chairman Folsom will contact Mr. Richards and maybe Mr. Richards will be available to attend the December 2013 meeting. The members will bring their suggestions on Digital Divide to the December meeting on how to best address these needs.

## **Department Activity**

Update from Dave Richards on the status of IT – Nothing at this time.

**New Business** – Nothing at this time.

## **Adjournment**

At 7:59 p.m. Mr. Sette motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Healy. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

***The next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Government Center.***

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka  
Commission Clerk