

THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes: The Historic Properties Commission Town of Hamden held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Dept., Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue. The following issues were discussed:

Attending: D. Baker, A. Gorman, E. Highkin, W. Doheny, D. Ioime, T. Levine
K. Minkema

Absent: D. Baker, D. Ioime

CALL TO ORDER—Chairman Levine called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Mr. Minkema arriving at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes - Chairman Levine motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2011. Ms. Highkin motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Doheny. *The motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARING – Not at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION – Nothing at this time.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE – Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business

- a. Memorial Town Hall – Mr. Gorman provided Chairman Levine with a copy of the Town Building Committee notes and had photos of some of the renovations being done and some of the windows installed.
- b. Jepp's Brook Millsite – Mr. Gorman reported he had no success with Paier College regarding help with the brochure. He did get a quote for printing the brochure from Rollins Printing based on a mock up he had. Mr. Minkema provided a disc to Chairman Levine with photos, verbiage and a map to complete the brochure. Chairman Levine and Mr. Gorman will take all to the printer. Mr. Gorman advised the Commission that there will be money left from the grant and to let him know if there is anything the money can be used for. The Commission has until June to use the funds and what is not used will be returned.
- c. Hamden Cemeteries follow up from Mr. Ioime – Mr. Ioime is not present at the meeting and will provide information at the April 2011 meeting.
- d. Other Business – Mr. Gorman provided a letter from EBI Consulting inviting the Commission to comment tower being erected at 1158 Dixwell Ave. After a review of the letter and the plans Chairman Levine will send a letter advising the company that the Commission has

no comment. Mr. Gorman provided the Archeological report on Lock 14 to Chairman Levine. He noted that six more copies are needed and he was given a quote of \$73.64 to do this. Chairman Levine inquired if the information was digital and Mr. Minkema stated that it wasn't but he would call the company and see if he can get one. Mr. Gorman motioned to approve the copying of the report, seconded by Ms. Highkin. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Gorman mentioned that Earth Day will be Saturday, April 30, 2011 and that the Commission will share a table at the event. Ms. Highkin, Dr. Doheny, Chairman Levine and Mr. Minkema all noted that they will be there to help. Mr. Gorman is hoping the new brochure on Jepp's Broom Millsite will be ready. Chairman Levine and Mr. Gorman noted that various Grants have been applied for and that the Civic Associations have made some matches. Mr. Gorman advised the Commission that he received a letter stating that 95 Ives St. is on the National Registry of Historic Places. Quinnipiac University recently purchased additional property on Whitney Ave. one of them being 3011 Whitney Ave. which will house the Irish Famine museum currently located on the main campus of the university. There was no indication how the rest of the property will be developed. Chairman Levine inquired about the status of the Ivesville District. Mr. Gorman advised the Commission that Town Attorney Gruen was making some changes to the application and that everything was now back in the office of the Mayor. Chairman Levine will following up with the Mayor's office. Dr. Doheny mentioned that some soil contamination was discovered on the Masselli Farm property but that the state indicated it was not anything to hold up the proposed work on the house. Mr. Gorman advised the Commission that there was some leakage at the Lockkeepers house in the last rain/wind storm. It appeared the wind lifted some of the roofing where some ice had formed in the gutter thus creating the water damage. He didn't have an estimate on the repairs.

New Business – Nothing at this time.

Adjournment – At 8:00 Ms. Highkin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Doheny. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20th, 2011 Parks and Recreation Dept. Conference Room, Government Center 2nd floor 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk