

THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Amended Minutes: The Historic Properties Commission Town of Hamden held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 21st, 2011 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, T. Levine, K. Minkema

Absent: D. Baker, E. Highkin, D. Ioime

CALL TO ORDER—Vice Chairman Gorman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes –Chairman Levine motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2011, June 15, and September 1, 2011. Due to the absence of Mr. Ioime and Ms. Highkin the minutes could not be approved. They will appear on the October 19, 2011 agenda.

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 advised the Commission there is a tentative opening for the first week of October or the Police Department. The Fire Department to follow. The interior is being worked on along with the grounds outside the building and the decision on street parking.
- b. Lock 14 – any update – Mr. Gorman provided a sample of a possible brochure. He indicated some changes and corrections and Chairman Levine will go to the printer for final approval. The reconstruction work on the Lockkeepers’ House is complete. There are a couple of items to be looked at, the chimney flashing and the gutter on the north side is not fitted properly and needs to be rehung. Two benches have been donated and a dedication will be in the coming weeks.
- c. Hamden Cemeteries follow up from Mr. Ioime – Mr. Ioime was not available for the meeting with any additional information.
- d. Ivesville Distict – Chairman Levine provided the Commission that the district is listed on the State Register of Historic Places, due to the LHD state process. With this designation the Commission will be moving forward to resubmit their application to the Planning and Zoning for

review and the Legislative Council for approval. The Commission members will be going door to door to meet the residents to give them information on what the designation will mean for them.

e. December meeting date change discussion – After a brief discussion the Commission has agreed to change the meeting date of Wednesday December 21, 2011 to Monday December 19, 2011 due to a religious holiday. Chairman Levine motioned to change the date, seconded by Mr. Minkema. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

f. Other Business

Mr. Minkema received a letter from Walt Harris of 2330 Shepard Ave. Mr. Harris noted that the Jepps' Brook Millsite map shows some Town of Hamden open land space but also includes part of his property. A brief discussion ensued regarding this situation and what kind and where "No Trespassing" and/or "Private Property" signs should be placed. This site is on the State Registry as an Archeological Preserve. The Commission will investigate the land records to determine where the requested signs should be posted if needed.

The Masselli Farm project is moving along. Habitat for Humanity is working with the CT Trust to preserve as much of the structure and design as possible.

The Barn Grants are requested and earmarked for the Masselli Barn and the Brooksvale Barn. The Brooksvle Barn requires further inspection and Chairman Levine will keep the Commission posted on the progress.

It was noted that the Bicentennial Park Sign was repainted and looks very good. The color is deeper than the original and makes a nice appearance.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of producing a Walking Tour Brochure. This brochure will include Spring Glen, Whitneyville and Ivesville. The walking tour would take about an hour to complete. Mr. Gorman will see about applying for the grant to do this. The grant is due in October and Mr. Gorman will bring information to the November 16, 2011 meeting.

New Business – Nothing at this time.

Adjournment – At 7:57 Mr. Minkema motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dr., Doheny. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 19th, 2011 Parks and Recreation Dept. Conference Room, Government Center 2nd floor 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk