

THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Amended Minutes: *The Historic Properties Commission Town of Hamden held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 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, D. Baker, E. Highkin, D. Ioime T. Levine, B. Murphy, H. Rubertone

Absent: K. Minkema

Guest: Arnold Aranci

Chairman Levine welcomed the new members of the Commission and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

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

Approval of Minutes – Chairman Levine entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2011. Ms. Highkin motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting. The clerk noted a typing error on page 2 under item *a* number 3 the word *tat* should be *that*, Dr. Doheny seconded the motion. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Public Hearing – none at this time.

Public Session - none at this time.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE - Chairman Levine had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

- a. Memorial Town Hall – Chairman Levine advised the Commission that under the “Contingent Items” number 1 he has no answer from anyone on this and that under item 3 “No” to the question if the doors were thicker wood would it eliminate the issue. He advised the Commission that the doors would not be changed at this time due to other more serious matters to be addressed. He stated that the report he did receive was unsatisfactory. Ultimately, the Fire Department needs working doors, so metal doors are acceptable. This report is not.”
- b. Lock 14 – No additional information at this time.

- c. Hamden Cemeteries – Mr. Ioime reported that his research has brought to light a few issues with the Cemetery. Ownership at this time is not clear, nor is there any information on the Association. Mr. Ioime has found some information regarding recently as 2010 burials. Mr. Aranci is here to address the condition of the cemetery and hopefully find a way to straighten out ownership and responsibilities for the Cemetery. It appears the current custodian of the property is Randy Gavin who Mr. Aranci was advised is a descendant of the Trustees who has managed the Cemetery since 1915. Mr. Aranci teaches a class at Hamden High School on agriculture and/or landscaping and would like to have the students go to the cemetery as part of the class to study the history and also help clean up the cemetery. The grandparents and parents of Mr. Aranci are buried in the cemetery. At the present time there are headstones knocked over and the bushes and trees need attending to. Chairman Levine has done some research also and was advised that Mr. Aranci should send a letter to the current Trustee inquiring if he be allowed to bring his class to the site for research and to volunteer to clean up the cemetery and get it in a presentable condition. Mr. Aranci should send copies of his letter to Mayor Jackson who he did have contact with before on this matter and to the Attorney General. Mr. Ioime is going to try to get to the cemetery to find out the name and date of the last individual buried in the cemetery in 2010. If he can acquire that information he may possibly be able to find an obituary that could possibly lead to additional information to help find out who the owner/trustee is.
- d. Ivesville District – Chairman Levine is still working on this and will have more information for the next meeting.
- e. Jepp Brook – Chairman Levine has ordered the necessary stamp to correct the current brochures. When he has the stamp he will solicit volunteers to help with the stamping.
- f. Other Business –Mr. Gorman has had to resign from the Commission as the new Town Charter doesn't allow fore Legislative Council members to be members of Boards or Commissions.

Chairman Levine advised the Commission that the CLG (Certified Local Government) grant has been approved and that future discussion about brochures will be addressed at upcoming meetings.

Ms. Rubertone inquired if any studies have been done on the various bridges in the town. Both Chairman Levine and Dr. Doheny weren't aware of any but it was mentioned that the Waite St. Bridge was worked on a number of years ago and that there was some work on Brooksvale Ave. Ms. Rubertone is going to check with the Town to see if there are any studies or recent inspections.

Because of the new Town Charter rules Dr. Doheny may have to resign from the Commission, he is waiting go hear from the Mayor's office regarding this matter. Again, Chairman Levine welcomed the new members of the Commission, and asked if they had any questions, which they stated none at this time.

Adjournment – At 7:54 p.m. Ms. Highkin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ioime. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2012 Parks and Recreation Dept. Conference Room, Government Center 2nd floor 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk