

THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes: *The Historic Properties Commission Town of Hamden held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 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, E. Highkin, D. Ioime, T. Levine, B. Murphy, H. Rubertone

Absent: K. Minkema

Guest: Taylor Trahan, Katie Pinto, Quinnipiac University Journalism Students

CALL TO ORDER—Chairman Levine called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – Chairman Levine entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2012. The clerk noted a typing error on page two under item F, line 7, the word fund should be *funds*. Ms. Highkin motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting with the correction, seconded by Ms. Rubertone. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Public Hearing – none at this time.

Public Session - none at this time.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE - Chairman Levine has contacted Mr. Minkema about the ad hoc committee for them to complete the research and present their finding to the Town in order to go forward with the project. The copying for the report will be approximately \$200-250 and Chairman Levine stated this money could possibly be part of a Connecticut Trust Grant application. Chairman Levine will speak with Mr. Minkema again.

Unfinished Business

- a. Memorial Town Hall – Chairman Levine advised the Commission that the door situation has been cleared up.
- b. Lock 14 – No additional information at this time.
- c. Hamden Cemeteries – Mr. Ioimi noted that he has no been able to locate any obituaries for the last two burials in the State Street Cemetery. Chairman Levine advised the Commission that Mr. Arnold Aranci the teacher from Hamden High School is going to speak with the Board of Education to get them on board for the clean up project.
- d. Ivesville District – This item was discussed under the Chairman’s report above.

- e. Jepp Brook – Chairman Levine stated the stamp is ready and he will start stamping the brochures.
- f. Other Business –Chairman Levine mentioned the 1772 Foundation Grant. The applications are due in April and he is checking to see if the town is eligible to apply. Rectory Bar, - The Barns Grant is presently on old due to funding cuts by the state. The quote to print the walking brochure is under the limit for having to complete additional paperwork. The work on the Todd Street Bridge started on Monday, March 19, 2012. Ms. Rubertone shared drawings from Mr. Briton the Town Engineer for the Hillfield and Johnson Road bridges. Chairman Levine asked the members to think of future projects for the Commission. Ms. Rubertone inquired what the Commission’s input for properties being purchased by Quinnipiac University before they can do anything to the structures? Chairman Levine advised the Commission that Quinnipiac University and other higher education institutions are not subject to Historic Guidelines. Mr. Murphy inquired if a certain number of properties are required to create a Historic District. Chairman Levine noted it helps to be on the National Registry. The Historic Resource Inventory, Sate Registration of Historic Places, National Registry of Historic Places and CT Environment Act provides for protection, in that a structure can’t be demolished with out due diligence. Local Historic Districts do have a little more say. Ms. Trahan asked with the purpose of the Commission is. Chairman Levine started to read the Mission Statement and the clerk will email this information to the students. He went on to give an example what the purpose of what a Commission can do.

Adjournment – At 7:38 p.m. Mr. Ioime motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Highkin. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 18, 2012 Parks and Recreation Dept. Conference Room, Government Center 2nd floor 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk