

# Town of Hamden

## ***THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION***

*Minutes: The Historic Properties Commission Town of Hamden held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lockkeepers House, 3908 Whitney Ave. The following issues were discussed:*

**Attending:** Ellen Highkin, Daniel Ioime, Todd Levine, Brian Murphy  
Al Gorman, Liaison

**Absent:** Douglas Baker, Kenneth Minkema, Heidi Rubertone

**CALL TO ORDER**—Commissioner Levine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2012 was entertained. Ms. Highkin motioned to approve the minutes with the following changes. Under Unfinished Business item *c* Mr. Ioime should be *Ioime*. Under item *f* The Brooksville Animal Barn should be the *New Animal Barn*. The motion is seconded with the corrections by Mr. Ioime. ***The motion carried unanimously***

**Public Hearing** – none at this time.

**Public Session** - none at this time.

**CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE** - Chairman Levine not present to present a report.

### **Unfinished Business**

- a. Memorial Town Hall – Mr. Gorman (the Hamden Historical Society) hopes to be in the building by December. The two buildings to be torn down are in the process and the parking garage will be built and they hope that will also be ready by December. The Fire Chief, Fire Marshall the Deputy Chief and the secretary will be occupying the upper space. The doors on the building that were installed and cracked will be replaced by the manufacturer as they discovered they were defective. The doors for the fire house though will be metal. The wooden floor in the auditorium was removed and it was discovered that the cement floor could not sustain a new wooden floor because of moisture so they are going to leave the cement floor and polish it. The question of landscaping on the Dixwell Ave. side of the building was raised and Mr. Gorman advised the members that he has not heard anything about it as of yet. The members will look at the drawing at the next meeting.
- b. Lock 14 – Mr. Gorman reported that a portion of the Lock has fallen in due to tree roots. He contacted Public Works and they are going to do some tree trimming to help stop any

further loss of the structure. Chairman Levine inquired if any locks have been rebuilt and Mr. Gorman said he didn't think any in Connecticut. Chairman Levine will check with the Farming Rails and Tails Commission about this.

- c. Hamden Cemeteries – Mr. Ioime wasn't able to speak with Mr. Aranci prior to the end of the school year but he is going to contact him in the next few weeks. Mr. Gorman said that he has received calls from neighbors of the Cemetery complaining about the look of the site.
- d. Ivesville District – Chairman Levine said that they are ready to go forward with this. Chairman Levine will contact Mr. Minkema regarding dates to possibly go door to door informing the neighbors of the plan. A number of things will have to take place. A public meeting inviting the residents. A mailing with ballots for the residents to let the Commission know if they wish to go through with the plan. And inviting Planning and Zoning to the meetings.
- e. Other Business – The clerk asked the members if it was okay for future agendas and minutes to be sent by email and they agreed. Also the clerk will send the list of meeting dates for 2013 for their review to be approved at the October meeting.  
Mr. Gorman advised the Commission that Quinnipiac University has purchased four properties, two on Woodruff St. and two on Whitney Ave. The two on Whitney Ave. have been torn down and one on Woodruff St. One of the homes on Whitney Ave. was on the Hamden List of Historic Homes. Chairman Levine will send the town a list of sites on the CT Trust list.  
Mr. Murphy inquired about the Solar farm and Mr. Gorman advised the members that an RFP went out but he hasn't heard any more about it.  
Chairman Levine asked everyone to give some thought as to other areas of the town that can possibly be considered as Historic Districts in Hamden.

**Adjournment** – At 7:41 p.m. Ms. Highkin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Murphy. *The motion carried unanimously.*

***The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, 2012 Parks and Recreation Dept. Conference Room, Government Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 7:00 p.m.***

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka  
Commission Clerk