



TOWN OF HAMDEN

Historic Properties Commission

MINUTES: *The Historic Properties Commission, Town of Hamden held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 in the Legislative Council Chamber. Memorial Town Hall. The following issues were discussed:*

Commissioners in Attendance: Todd Levine, Ellen Highkin, Heidi Rubertone, John Sancomb,
Brian Murphy

Commissioners Excused: Ken Minkema, Dan Ioime

Guests: Beatrice & Bryce Levine

1. Call to Order

Mr. Levine called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Attendance is noted above.

3. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2014

Corrections: Page 1, first line, change date from 10 to 19. Item b, change not to no

Ms. Highkin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014 meeting as corrected. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. Public Hearing

There was no public hearing.

5. Public Session

There was no public session.

6. Chair Report/Correspondence

Mr. Levine attended a meeting of the Whitneyville Civic Association at the Whitneyville Church last week. The church has been purchased or is about to be purchased and the buyer plans to restore the church building and retain the preschool building and use it as a technology center, similar to Grove Street in New Haven, a meeting place for tekkies. The exterior of the church will

be restored and the interior will be kept as a space for the church. The various church groups will still be able to use the church. The technology space will be in what is now the preschool.

7. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

8. New Applications

There were no new applications.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Memorial Town Hall

There were no updates. The building is open and we are meeting here tonight. They did an outstanding job.

b. Lock 14

There are no updates per Mr. Levine

c. Hamden Cemeteries

Mr. Ioime and Mr. Sancomb have been in touch. Mr. Sancomb has a long time friend that is a funeral director in New Haven. He met with him and explained the circumstances. The cemetery maintenance company (Randy Guevin) owes him a grave marker which has been paid for, and he has been chasing him for years. He said he will see what he could do. He also asked him if he had any connection to the Connecticut funeral association and wondered if he could help us out. He kind of ducked the response. Today he was not forthcoming, but did agree to go to lunch with Mr. Sancomb and some of their other buddies.

Ivesville Historic District – Mr. Levine reported that he had submitted the application to Planning & Zoning. He received an email from Mr. Kops who noted some problems with the report. He sent an email to Mr. Minkema and the issues are being corrected. They had to withdraw from the March 24th meeting and will resubmit for April 22nd. The Commission has the backing of numerous residents. Mr. Kops suggested the vacant lots be removed, but they are owned by people willing to support the application. Each owner would get one vote, no matter how many lots they own. There are some questions regarding the boundaries and Mr. Kops is going to take a look at that. He hopes commissioners can attend on the 22nd. Mr. Sancomb will be out of town and unable to attend.

e. Other Business – There was no other unfinished business.

10. New Business

Earth Day – Mr. Levine said Mr. Gorman will be the lead. Anyone who would like to participate would be appreciated. Mr. Levine will send information to commissioners. The Commission will have a table.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Highkin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Acting Clerk