

## HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

The Historic Properties Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in the Parks & Recreation Conference Room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Daniel Ioime, John Sancomb, Ken Minkema, Todd Levine, Brian Murphy

Commissioners Absent: Ellen Highkin (excused), Heidi Rubertone (excused) Doug Baker.

Mr. Sancomb is sitting for Ms. Highkin

### Call to Order

Mr. Levine called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Minkema made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2014. Mr. Sancomb seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

### Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing.

### Public Session

There was no Public Session

### Report of the Chairman

Mr. Levine had nothing to report.

### Unfinished Business

a. Memorial Town Hall – At a previous meeting the Commission discussed having its March meeting in the Legislative Council Chambers, Memorial Town Hall. Ms. Gempka was checking on availability, but to date we have not heard anything definite. We will discuss again next month.

b. Lock 14

Mr. Levine has had not contact with Cheshire person for information to date.

c. Hamden Cemeteries

Mr. Ioime reported that he had no new information. He needs to make more phone calls to get someone to help us. He said Whitneyville Cemetery has been an an active corporation since 1870. Do they have enough funds necessary for the perpetual care of that cemetery? Mr. Sancomb will try to find the State Funeral Directors Association and see what information we can get. Mr. Ioime said no one wants to take responsibility. If towns don't step up, the state is going to have to. Mr. Levine wondered if any other towns are facing the problem of orphan cemeteries. Mr. Levine felt it is a good idea for Mr. Sancomb to do some research. Mr. Levine will reach out again to Whitneyville Congregational Church and mention their Cemetery Association. If someone were to purchase the church and threaten to demolish it, the State would step in. Hamden has a 190 day demolition policy. It is on the radar of the Connecticut Trust. Al Gorman is also on top of this.

d. Ivesville District.

Mr. Minkema said the application is ready and he had the cover letter. He turned the materials over to Mr. Levine.

The Town's Earth Day Celebration will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

There was no additional business.

Mr. Sancomb said he took a ride up to see the Maselli property. The barn is in terrible shape. Mr. Levine said the Town received a \$5,000 grant for the roof. The house was redone by Habitat for Humanity and sold to a family. Mr. Levine said it is a great house with nice woodwork and a nice stairway.

Mr. Levine said the interior of the barn was in pretty good shape. Putting on the new roof will keep it around for a while. Hopefully the Town will find a good use for the barn.

**Mr. Ioime made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Minkema seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

***The next Regular Meeting of the Historic Properties Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 in the Legislative Council Chambers, Memorial Town Hall, at 7:00 p.m.***

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Tobin, Acting Clerk