



TOWN OF HAMDEN

THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes: *The Historic Properties Commission Town of Hamden held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., Parks & Recreation Conference Room, 2750 Dixwell Ave., Hamden CT. The following issues were discussed:*

Attending: Ellen Highkin, Daniel Ioime, Todd Levine, Kenneth Minkema, Brian Murphy
Heidi Rubertone,

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2014 was made by Ms. Highkin, seconded by Mr. Minkema. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Public Hearing – none at this time.

Public Session

Ms. Elissa Lupi, 85 W. Shepard Ave. – Ms. Lupi had two questions for the Commission. She wanted to know “what deems a property historic.” Chairman Levine stated that there are different listings, State or National Registry and Local Registry. Local listings have the most protection such as the Commission who follow the National guidelines in helping owners who wish to renovate their homes. Ms. Lupi’s second questions is; “is there a list of homes and owners of historic properties in Hamden.” Chairman Levine advised Ms. Lupi that the Commission is currently in the process of preparing an application for a Grant to update the list they have as it is almost 30 years old. When completed a letter will be sent to each owner advising them of the registry. The grant will cover the cost of a consultant, printing and administering the project.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Levine has been in touch with the RWA (Regional Water Authority regarding the Ives House. It appears the RWA has recently contacted the Town with respect to maintenance on the property and will be following up to see when necessary work will be done. Also Chairman Levine did find out that vehicles can park at the location as long as the parking area is gravel. A conditions assessment needs to be done on the building. The Commission would like to see the building used as soon as possible

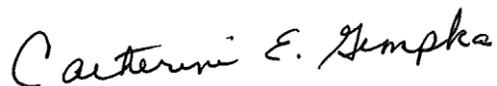
Unfinished Business

- a. Hamden Cemeteries – Mr. Ioime and Chairman Levine commented on the cleanup that was done at the cemetery. Ms. Lupi stated that a group she was part of went in and did the work. There is however some broken headstones and some stones knocked over. Mr. Ioime is going to check to see if there are funds available to help pay for the repairs and other work. Ms. Lupi advised the Commission that there will be two cleanups in the spring. Chairman Levine asked that the Commission be notified so they can help.
- b. Local Register Properties – Mr. Minkema advised the Commission that the application for the grant is being worked on. He provided a draft for the Committee members to review and provide input and recommendations. A time frame needs to be part of the application. The application will be given to Julie Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Grants & Projects Coordinator for review before submission.
- c. Ives House – this item is covered under Chairman Report.
- d. Other Business – Restoration on the Henry Austin Barn is due to start. Mr. Minkema noted that the work that has been done is very good.

Adjournment – At 7:37 p.m. Mr. Minkema motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Highkin.
The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the 7:00 p.m., Parks and Recreation Conference Room, Hamden Government Center.

Recorded by,



Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk