



TOWN OF HAMDEN

THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes: *The Historic Properties Commission Town of Hamden held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., Parks & Recreation Conference Room, 2750 Dixwell Ave., Hamden CT. The following issues were discussed:*

Attending: Giovanna Coppola, Daniel Ioime, Todd Levine, Kenneth Minkema, Brian Murphy, Peter Haller

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Chairman Levine welcomed the new members Ms. Coppola and Mr. Haller to the Commission. Chairman Levine asked the member to introduce themselves along with the new members and give some information on their backgrounds.

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2015 was made by Mr. Minkema, seconded by Mr. Ioime. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Public Hearing

Mr. Scott Farquharson, Baybrook Remodelers addressed the Commission regarding the proposed renovations for the Hamden Bank and Trust Building on Dixwell Ave. at Circular Ave. The proposed renovations include replacement of windows. A portion of the windows on the building have been replaced with vinyl and the owner would like to use the same type on the front of the building. Mr. Farquharson provided a sample to be used. Chairman Levine explained that the Commission would like to see the current windows refurbished. The current windows are made of a very dense wood and even being more than 90 plus years old if refurbished they would last another 90 years. He did let Mr. Farquharson and Mr. Peter Freiler, Director of IT Operations for CRN the building's owner that there is funding to help with refurbishing should they decide to go in that direction. He advised them that the Commission is here in an advisory capacity and will be happy to help in any way they can.

Public Session

None at this time!

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time!

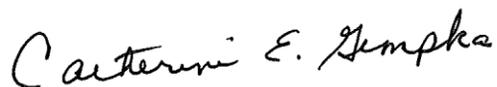
Unfinished Business

- a. Hamden Cemeteries – Mr. Ioime explained to the new members what this project is all about. He will find out how much the Town can apply for from the state to help with clean up and repaired.
- b. Local Register Properties – Mr. Minkema advised the Commission that he has been trying to reach Ms. Julie Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Grants & Projects Coordinator to review the grant application. He will try again this week.
- c. Ives House – Chairman Levine explained to the new members that this property is owned by the Regional Water Authority and leased to the Town for \$1. The building at this time needs some immediate attention and he is trying to find out if there is money for the repairs needed and who would do them.
- d. Other Business – Ms. Leah Glaser, 85 Mather St. – Ms. Glaser addressed the Commission regarding the building at 1717 Dixwell Ave. Ms. Glaser wanted to know if this property was on any Historic list and if not can it be put on one and how quickly would it happen. This building is due to be demolished and a new retail structure to be built in its place. The building is an old factory and has been sold a number of times in the last few years. Ms. Glaser's concern is that Hamden is losing properties like this at a fast pace. Ms. Glaser has attended just about every Commission meeting involved with properties in Hamden and is always advised to go to the Planning & Zoning Commission with her concerns. She stated that she has done that but no one seems to be listening. A lengthy discussion ensued about the possibility of hazardous materials beneath the building since this was a manufacturing mill. Ms. Glaser inquired if the building is part of the 1980 survey completed by the Historical Society and not having the published book with him Chairman Levine will check on this. Chairman Levine thanked Ms. Glaser for coming to the meeting and he will get back to her with answers to her questions.

Adjournment – At 8:15 p.m. Mr. Minkema motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ioime. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the 7:00 p.m., Parks and Recreation Conference Room, Hamden Government Center.

Recorded by,



Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk