



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

Historic Properties Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM, September 21, 2026

Hamden Government
Center
2750 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner and Chair Todd Levine called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. ATTENDANCE

B&C Clerk Porsche Edmundson took attendance:

Present: Chair, Todd Levine, Paul Geary, Mark Osenko, and Mike Miller from the community.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Todd Levine moved to approve the June 15th meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Geary. June 15th minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Miller attended as a member of the Public. He was promoted to panelist status, but he did not accept or speak.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

An email from Mike Millicent, representing the Farmington Canal to the Rail Association, was identified and forwarded to the commissioner.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(if recommended by the town attorney)

7. REPORTS

1. Local Register Properties.

Discussion centered on consultant David Taylor, who was instructed in May to provide more substantive research. He sent no communication throughout the summer. Attempts to contact him yielded no updates. If the Commission doesn't receive a response by the October meeting, it may consider termination of the contract.

Financial notes:

Approximately \$7K–\$8K spent

Plan to reapply for additional funding of \$20K
Total expected rebid budget: \$32–\$33K
Existing research is superficial and largely cut-and-paste.

2. Historical Society.

No updates at this time.

3. Hamden Cemeteries.

No updates. Commissioners noted past cleanup events and questioned whether they occurred this year.

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. Mile Markers.

The DOT was contacted several months ago, but no response was received.
Follow-up planned.

2. Henry Austin Barn.

Multiple attempts were made to contact the Mayor's Office.
Town staff member (Stephen White) reported:

- **Brookvale Barn is moving toward posting for work.**
- **The barn requires additional funding or alternative sources.**
- **Town Hall and Keefe Community Center exterior work is next.**
- **No immediate plan for Henry Austin Barn repairs.**

Past slate roof quotes:

- **\$22k patching**
- **\$200k full replacement. Because the property is not on the National Register, federal funding can't be accessed.**

3. Lockkeeper's House.

Owned by DECG; leased long-term to the Town for Police substation use.

The lease is expiring; the Mayor's Office has not provided direction.

The garage is deteriorating and considered hazardous. Exterior paint is peeling; the interior is stable.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to present at this time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Todd Levine, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, seconded by Paul Geary.

Minutes Taken, by B&C Clerk Porsche Edmundson

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