

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.
Minutes – July 11, 2017

President Bob Mordecai called the 35th regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Hamden Elks Hall on Tuesday evening, July 11, 2017.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the members present observed a moment of silence for David O'Hare, son of member John O'Hare and brother of member Kevin O'Hare, who passed away suddenly July 5th.

The Secretary introduced Mr. Todd Levine, an architectural historian with the state of Connecticut and chairman of Hamden's Historic Properties Commission.

MINUTES – A motion was made by Jim Leddy and seconded by Don LaBanca to dispense with the reading of the April minutes, which has been available online since April. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS – The secretary reported that a thank you letter had been received from the Hamden Volunteer Firefighters Fireworks Committee thanking the Association for its \$100 donation to the 2017 fireworks. Also, a one-year \$10 subscription accompanied by a \$40 donation had been received from Richard Carroll of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts. The donation will be acknowledged with the thanks of the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017

Checking balance as of April 1, 2017	\$ 1,107.75
Shares balance as of April 1, 2017	<u>141.29</u>
Total balance as of April 1, 2017	\$ 1,249.04

Income:

Quarterly dividend (In savings)	\$ 0.04
Password subscription - Richard Carroll	10.00
Donation (website) – Richard Carroll	40.00
Dues – 2016	15.00
Dues – 2017	135.00
Dues – 2018	45.00
Dues – 2019	15.00
PayPal Transfer Test (David Johnson - 2 transactions)	<u>11.00</u>
TOTAL income this quarter	\$ 271.04

Expenses:

HVFF Fireworks Donation	\$ 100.00
PayPal Commission	.59
Postage (100 postcard stamps)	34.00
Refreshments (Jan. meeting)	39.80
Ch #124 – David Johnson – PayPal Transfer Test	10.41
Business Entity Tax – State of CT	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL expenses this quarter	\$ (-434.80)

Transfers from Savings to Checking	\$ none
Checking balance as of June 30, 2017	\$ 954.36*
Shares balance as of June 30, 2017	<u>141.33</u>
Total balance as of June 30, 2017	\$ 1,095.69
Still outstanding:	
Check #124	\$ 10.41*
Activity from July 1 to July 11, 2017: NONE	
TOTAL balance in Credit Union as of 7/11/2017	\$ 1,095.69

A motion was made by Jim Leddy, seconded by Brian Forsyth, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee

The Secretary reported on the pension plan since the April meeting. The market continues to do better. The plan stands at about \$161 million. The COLA increase for May 1st was 2.5%.

Sunshine Committee – No activity.

History Committee – The Secretary reported that *Hamden Firefighting* has been completed and Arcadia Publishing has set November 20th as the date the book is due to go on sale.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – None

OLD BUSINESS – President Mordecai reported that he and the secretary are still investigating which IRS 501(c) tax-exempt status would be most appropriate for this Association.

NEW BUSINESS – President Mordecai gave the floor to Mr. Levine, who addressed the membership on what must be done to get use of the West Woods schoolhouse for a fire museum. He stated that the obtaining use of the site from the town is the first step. Then the museum association must obtain a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. The Secretary noted that a separate legal entity is planned because the envisioned museum association, unlike the HFRA, must have an open membership to obtain 501(c)(3) tax status. The third objective of the museum committee is to get the schoolhouse on the State Registry of Historic Places. Mr. Levine noted that such a move should be easy and that he would be happy to assist the committee.

In addition, Mr. Levine advised the members on the types of matching grants that would be available to the museum committee once the project gets going. The president thanked Mr. Levine for his attendance at the meeting and the advice he has provided to the membership.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – Bob Macauley questioned if liability insurance would be necessary should the museum project go forward. The secretary noted that whatever entity has legal responsibility for the planned museum site will have the proper insurance coverage to protect against accidents and injuries to visitors.

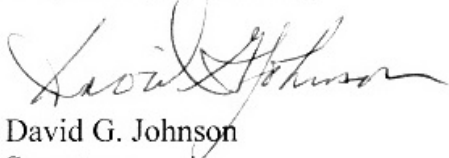
The Secretary reported that Ed Doiron is at Arden House and can be visited on the fourth-floor dayroom in the CD wing.

The Chair thanked Brian Forsyth for preparing the refreshments for this evening and thanked everyone for their attendance today.

He noted that the Autumn meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11th, the time and menu to be announced at the date nears.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brian Forsyth and seconded by Chick Manware to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David G. Johnson".

David G. Johnson
Secretary

22 members: Baker, Barletta, Castracane, Dobbs, Doherty, Forsyth, Fitzmaurice, Frodel, Johnson, LaBanca, Leddy, Macauley, Mangler, Manware, J. Mordecai, R. Mordecai, Rev. Sanderson, Spencer, Surprise, Viglione, Williams, and Yocher.