

Technology Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2020

MINUTES: The Technology Advisory Commission held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 2020 in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed.

Commissioners in Attendance: Gary Beard, Jeffrey Cohen, William Folsom, Patrick Johnson, Jeffrey Krupel, Christopher Yezik

Commissioners Excused:

Commissioners Absent:

Others in Attendance: Alyssa Bussard, Commission Clerk

1. Call to order

As a quorum was present, Mr. Folsom called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken as noted above.

3. Review of minutes from November 7, 2019

Mr. Folsom called for a motion to approve the minutes from November 7, 2019. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Krupel. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

Mr. Krupel mentioned that he had spoken to the Mayor about scheduling a meeting with members of the committee. The goal of this meeting will be to determine the goals of the Mayor for the Technology Committee and how the members of the Technology Committee can work toward those goals.

The committee discussed specific questions that they would like to put forth to the mayor. There was a discussion regarding the website and “what’s next.” Some ideas regarding the website were the allowance of taxes, etc. to be paid without using a third party. Mr. Beard brought up the idea of an incentive for town members who signed up to receive updates regarding the town.

Another question is whether or not there is specific money set aside for technology and if so, for what updates exactly.

Mr. Cohen entered the meeting at 7:19 PM.

The discussion continued regarding what the commission members can do to assist the town. It was agreed that there should be ways for the website to promote town events and not just have Facebook be the sole provider of town updates.

After further discussion regarding the Commission's duties and goals, it was decided that there will be a sub-committee formed that will meet with the Mayor.

Mr. Folsom requested a motion to create a sub-committee consisting of himself, and Mr. Cohen. Mr. Johnson made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yezik. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cohen will create a memo with specifics and inquiries from the Commission that he will present to the Mayor with the other members of the sub-committee.

6. New Business

Mr. Yezik announced that he would be leaving the commission as he has moved out of Hamden. He will follow up with the Mayor to inform the town as well.

As this was Mr. Cohen's first meeting with the commission, the members introduced themselves and gave brief descriptions on their experiences with technology.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Folsom requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Krupel made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Submitted By: Alyssa Bussard, Commission Clerk