

Technology Commission

Hamden, Connecticut

Thursday, July 1, 2021

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Call to Order

Mr. Beard called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Commission Members

Gary Beard - *Commission Chair*
Phil Cronan
Daniel Dunn

Others in Attendance

Alyssa Bussard – *Commission Clerk*

Agenda

Approval of June 3, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Beard called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 3, 2021. Mr. Cronan made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Dunn. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no comments put forth by the public.

Old Business

1. Charter Revision Update

Mr. Cronan reported on updates regarding the charter revision meetings. He reported that there will be additional meetings regarding the charter revision in July.

2. Technology Commission Mission Statement

Mr. Beard reported that he called Ms. Vera Morrison regarding the mission statement. He asked if Mayor Leng needs to approve the statement before it is posted. Ms. Morrison suggested that the commission write a mission statement and send it to her. The commission members worked together to edit their mission statement document. Mr. Beard called for a motion to approve the mission statement with the edits made during this meeting. Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve the mission statement and Mr. Cronan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Beard will send the edited mission statement to the appropriate parties.

3. Policy Regarding Use of Surveillance Technology by the Town

Mr. Dunn updated the commission on the town's use of surveillance technology. He stated that there has been some work by the town on legislation for facial recognition technology. He suggests that a letter still be sent to the council regarding ethical oversight and public accountability. Mr. Dunn drafted a letter to be presented to the Legislative Council. Mr. Beard will send this letter to members of the Legislative Council.

New Business

1. Vote regarding holding a meeting in August

After a discussion, Mr. Beard called for a motion to cancel the August meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Cronan and seconded by Mr. Dunn. The motion passed unanimously and the commission will reconvene in September.

Adjournment

Mr. Beard requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cronan made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dunn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.