

**Town of Hamden  
Town Center Park Commission  
Minutes of a Special Meeting  
Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
4:45 pm  
Via Zoom/ Telephonically**

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**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Fitch called the meeting to order at 4:49 pm.
2. **Attendance**
  - a. **In Attendance:** Matthew Fitch, Chairman; Victor Mitchell; Jessica Hazan;
  - b. **Absent:** Gerry Tobin; Mike D'Andrea
  - c. **Also In Attendance:** Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
3. **Approval of Past Minutes:** August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - a. Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the August 26<sup>th</sup> minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Hazan. All were in favor.
4. **Chairman's Report**
  - a. Chairman Fitch reported that the summer has been successful, despite Covid challenges. He expressed excitement regarding future opportunities. There was a brief conversation regarding the upcoming TCP drive-in movie series, being held by the Parks and Recreation Department. The next TCP event will hopefully be Silverbells.
5. **Old Business- N/A**
6. **New Business**
  - a. Chairman Fitch commented that Mr. Oakes represented "what made Hamden special" and will be missed by many. He urged commissioners to approve the Abner Oakes III Veterans Race. The event is being held by the Veterans' Commission on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It will run from 6am-2pm, with an estimated attendance of 150. Chairman Fitch requested a motion to approve the Abner Oakes III Veterans Race. Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the event, which was seconded by Ms. Hazan. All were in favor.  
  
Mr. Mitchell questioned the status of the TCP entrance walkway, specifically if a sign or archway would also be erected. Chairman Fitch had no updates on the entryway progress. However, he did note that an archway/sign has been part of the Master Plan for some time. He will check for updates with Mr. McDonough, who is involved in the project, and notify the commission at the next meeting.
7. **Adjournment:** At 5:00 pm, Ms. Hazan made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. All were in favor.

**Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk**