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A general meeting of The Landmarks Preservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Nathan L.H. Bennett Pavillion, Hempstead Town Hall, 1 Washington Street, Hempstead. Part of the agenda for the meeting, which is open to the public, will include hearings regarding the Harold Avenue Cemetery in Wantagh, Curtis Airfield in Valley Stream and the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and Cemetery in Elmont. For further information please contact Amy Strawgate at (516) 489-5000, extension 3115.

Founded in the 1600s, the Town of Hempstead, the oldest English settlement in Nassau County, has evolved into the largest township in the United States, larger than 6 states. In 1643, John Carman and the Reverend Robert Fordham struck a deal with Tackapausha, one of the most influential of the local Native American Sachems or Chiefs, to buy 64,000 acres of property for the sum of \$100. In 1644, the English settlers petitioned Dutch Governor Kieft for the right to farm the rich land obtained through this historic agreement. Farmers and fishermen thus began to make use of the abundant resources available in what is today the Town of Hempstead.

Land use remained largely agrarian in nature until the end of World War II. At that time, foresighted developers began to buy up large tracts of land, correctly anticipating the tremendous demand for affordable housing engendered by returning veterans. William Levitt, the most enterprising of the developers, bought up entire farming communities and, in what is today known as Levittown, mass produced the largest housing development created to date.

Within a brief 30 year period, Hempstead Town had been converted from an agricultural community to a suburban metropolis. Historians and preservation-minded citizens began petitioning government to take action to maintain, for the benefit of future generations, their unique historical heritage.

In response, the Supervisor and Town Board adopted Chapter 76 of the Town Code, establishing a Town Landmarks Ordinance and a Town of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Commission, which consists of an architect, an engineer, three historians, and an attorney. The Towns Building Commissioner serves as the Commission's Executive Secretary.

Any person, with or without the written consent of the owner, may request the designation of a landmark or landmark site by submitting an application to the Commission on its form. In addition, the Commission may, on its own motion, with or without the written consent of the owner, initiate proceedings for the designation of a landmark or landmark site. In reaching a decision, the Commission shall consider the special character, ambiance, historical significance, aesthetic value and uniqueness of architectural design of the proposed landmark or landmark site wherever applicable.

The Landmarks Commission wishes to impress upon interested residents of incorporated villages and their historical societies that they should seek the support of their local village officials prior to making application to the Town of Hempstead. Initial approval is required from the particular village government before making application for landmark status to the Town. In short, structures and sites throughout the entire Town of Hempstead will be afforded the protection they deserve, through this concept of creating cooperative agreements between the Town of Hempstead and its incorporated villages for the designation of landmarks. This will result also in limiting the cost to the taxpayers; and duplication of effort will be avoided on the part of the respective municipalities.