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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Robert Hensley, John Hampton, Michael Long, Richard Hogan and Moira Wertheimer. Others in attendance included Brandon Robertson and Hiram Peck.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

No one spoke in Public Audience.

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Glassman reported that the town has actively tried to solicit grant funding. The town has met with Dept. of Transportation Commissioner Marie; Dept. of Economic and Community Development McDonald; federal Environmental Protection Agency, CROG and the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. There are many opportunities but no grant funding to report.

Mr. Hensley asked for a discussion of how the final consultants were selected. There was discussion as to how the board arrived on a consensus of the final consultants. He also asked how the HOME CT grant process and charrette process will be coordinated.

Hiram Peck explained that the two processes will dovetail quite nicely since the Home CT process will look at the Town Center housing issues and the charrette process will look at the center more broadly.

There was a concern about whether the process should go forward at all during these economic times. However, this might be a perfect time during this economic time to get it right the first time and not to get it wrong. This process will send a message that Simsbury is friendly to developers.

The group discussed a proposal from Victor Dover to respond to the Town's

revised scope. After a discussion of Victor Dover's response, there was a consensus to ask all three final consultants to revise the scope of their proposals to produce specific deliverables. Hiram Peck will speak to all the consultants and ask them to review their proposals

The group agreed to reconvene after the proposals are received by Hiram Peck in 2-3 weeks.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Hensley.
Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Hiram Peck