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Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 2009 – 8 a.m.
Old Court Room – Eno Memorial Hall – 754 Hopmeadow Street
Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Mary Glassman called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Members of the Board included Deputy First Selectman John Hampton, Robert Hensley, Michael Long. Selectman Moira Wertheimer arrived at 8:20 a.m. Members of the Chamber of Commerce were also in attendance.

1. Charrette Discussion - Mrs. Glassman reviewed the discussion of the Simsbury Town Center Charrette, including that 600 persons signed up throughout the five-day process. She stated that the consultant, Code Studio of Austin, Texas, is currently working on a draft zoning regulation that will be delivered to the town by the end of the year. Dennis Jacobs, Chamber member, said the Charrette was an excellent process and provided great information.

Charity Folk, Chamber executive director, stated that the regulations must ultimately be approved by the Zoning Commission. She said the Chamber will set up a joint meeting after the November elections with members of the Zoning Commission to discuss the regulations.

Peter Pabich, Chamber member, suggested that the Chamber members review the candidate questionnaires being distributed for more information.

2. Hiram Peck, Director of Planning and Development, also updated the group on the status of the Incentive Housing Zone which is currently being drafted, the Planned Area Development regulation which is before the Zoning Commission and Form Based Code.

3. Dorset Crossing Update - Tony Giorgio, Developer with Keystone Properties, made a presentation on the status of the North End development, stating there is site plan approval for a 30,000 square foot medical office building and a 20,000 square foot surgical center that is 45-days away from signing a lease. He also said there is a possibility for an additional

urgent care center which does not have final site plan approval but is under discussion. Because of the economic conditions, Giorgio said construction will likely not start until spring which is later than he had hoped but is necessary because of the economy. He said there are many positive signs but the negatives are banks are not anxious to lend money. Giorgio said the developers are also considering the back 25 acres for possible housing.

4. Bike Friendly Simsbury Committee – Town Engineer Richard Sawitzke gave an update on the biketrails, indicating that the Town will repair the Iron Horse Boulevard portion of the trail next week. He also indicated the plan in working with the Bike Friendly Committee is to add signage along the paths to better connect the center.

5. Mrs. Glassman gave an update on the Performing Arts Center stating that the PAC Board is interviewing for a manager position and hope to have a recommendation shortly.

6. Civil Preparedness –H1N1 – Fire Marshall Kevin Kowalski gave an update that the town is monitoring plans for the H1N1 vaccine and that the vaccine should arrive shortly.

7. Public Audience – Charity Folk reported that the Chamber has met with the Economic Development Commission to discuss the local vendor ordinance and the vote was unanimous in favor of adopting the ordinance for a four year period at which time the ordinance would be reviewed.

Selectman Hensley reported an update of the Gateway signs that the site work was being conducted for installation of the first sign in the southern gateway. The town has received a grant to fund the first sign from State Rep. Schofield.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman