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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Woollacott, Chairman, called the Historic District Commission to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. The following members were also present: Diane Mead, Kenneth Feder, and Dave Freitas. Also in attendance were Lynn Charest, Zoning Enforcement Officer and other interested parties.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

None were needed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 7, 2010 meeting

Dr. Feder made a motion to approve the January 7, 2010 minutes as written. Ms. Mead seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Woollacott suggested waiting to discuss this agenda item until the next meeting when more members of the Commission may be in attendance. This agenda item was continued.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Scenic Road Signs

Ms. Charest stated that the latest quote for the scenic road signs was for \$1,300. This quote did not include paint. She distributed a copy of the quote along with a copy of the accounting printout, which shows that there was a designation of \$1,140 for scenic road signs. She stated that the

latest quote is for five wooden signs.

Chairman Woollacott stated that if there is not enough money to do all of the signs, she suggested doing only three signs. The Commission members agreed.

Dr. Feder made a motion that the Historic District Commission fund three scenic road signs for the Historic District. Mr. Freitas seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Historic Resource Inventory – Property Selections

Ms. Charest distributed a list of houses that will be included in the historic resource inventory to the Commission members. She also distributed two letters from property owners, one from 104 West Street and one from 75 and 77 West Street. These property owners would like to take their property off of this list.

Mr. Karmazinas stated that the 104 West Street property, which sent a letter to exclude them from this inventory, is already listed on the National Register.

Ms. Charest stated that, in accordance with the contract, the Commission needs to make a formal approval of this inventory list of properties.

Dr. Feder made a motion that the Historic District accept the inventory list of homes for the Historic Resource Inventory as provided by Mr. Karmazinas. Ms. Mead seconded the motion.

Mr. Karmazinas stated that when he put this list of properties together, he looked for a pattern. He included properties from the turn of the century. He stated that there are at least two other cohesive groups in Town from the same period as the properties on this list. This is the growth that resulted from Ensign Bickford's expansion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Feder questioned how much, after this process is completed, would Mr. Karmazinas know about the integrity of the interior of these homes. He questioned if most of the homes have been updated. Mr. Karmazinas stated that when Ensign Bickford sold these properties in the 1960's and 1970's, a lot of the properties were updates, although he is unsure to what extent. He stated that there are several people who he has met that have lived in the Ensign Bickford housing that he will be talking to. Mr. Karmazinas stated that he is hoping to get floor plans; most of that information has been passed to the Historical Society and the Free Public Library.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

There was none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Feder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ms. Mead seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.