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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Woollacott, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. The following members and alternates were also present: Evan Woollacott, J. Paul Lanza and Dave Freitas. Also in attendance was Lynn Charest, Zoning Enforcement Officer.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 7, 2009 regular meeting

Mr. Lanza moved to approve, as amended, the minutes of May 7, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Freitas and passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSISON ITEMS

a. Scenic Road Signage

Lynn Charest showed the Historic District Commission what the Department of Public Works can do for the requested signs. The signs would be aluminum and used on the roads that are not in the historic district. It is the same design as the wooden ones, and they would be placed on the existing street signs (Ferry Lane, Terry Plains, etc.). There is a person in the Public Works Department who makes the signs. Ms. Charest said that she is waiting approval of the bill that has been submitted for the wooden scenic road signs.

Mr. Lanza said that he spoke to Marshall Epstein about using Rosedale Farms for the open house. Ms. Charest said that they can do an open house for

property owners in the historic district, but without alcohol, and can use funds from the historic district account to pay for the open house (no alcohol). Chairman Woollacott said that an open house is a good idea, but felt that they should have more members available at a meeting to make the decision. Mr. Lanza felt that there is no advantage now to hold it at Rosedale Farms. Mr. Woollacott thought the open house should be done prior to August as there would not be anyone around in the month of August. After a brief discussion, Mr. Woollacott suggested holding the open house in September. Also, a suggestion was made to put Mr. Lubetkin in charge of the open house. The continuing discussion for the open house will go onto the July meeting agenda.

b. Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant (SCLG)

Ms. Charest said that she has been working on the Request for Proposal Qualifications for the consultant. She had a draft of the document with her.

V. OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Chairman Woollacott said that she saw a Quonset hut going up at Rosedale Farms and said that she was not sure if Mr. Epstein was required to come before the Historic District Commission for a COA. Mrs. Woollacott read from the Historic District Guidelines section on "Need For A Certificate of Appropriateness". Mr. Freitas said that it sounds like it needs a Certificate of Appropriateness. The members had a brief discussion on if this might be a temporary structure. Ms. Charest said that the definition of a temporary structure is that it has to be taken down after six months. Ms. Charest will check on permits.

Chairman Woollacott asked if anyone would be interested in going to a seminar in Old Saybrook on Saturday, June 27th. Ms. Charest said that she would scan in the seminar information and email it out to the commission members.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Woollacott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lanza and passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Woollacott, Chairman