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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Woollacott, Chairman, called the Historic District Commission to order at 7:36 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room in the Simsbury Town Offices. The following members were also present: Evan Woollacott, Kenneth Feder, Diane Mead, Paul Lanza, and Marc Lubetkin. Also in attendance were Lynn Charest, Zoning Enforcement Officer and other interested parties.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

None

III. APPLICATION(s) FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS/DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE

08-02 Application of David W. and Jean N. Duffy, Owners, for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace deteriorating windows on property located at 105 East Weatogue Street. R-30 Zone

Lynn Charest, Zoning Enforcement Officer, said that typically any abutters (that are on the board) recuse themselves from an application. March Lubetkin recused himself, and left the room during the presentation of this application.

Mr. Duffy introduced Lee Brown his contractor. Lee Brown said that the windows to be installed are Harvey windows. Mr. Brown brought a sample and pictures of the windows to the meeting. The original windows on the house are being replaced as they are rotting and leaking. Ms. Mead asked what year the house was built. Mr. Duffy said that he bought the house in 1975, but the house was originally built in the 1950's. Mr. Woollacott asked if the windows are vinyl. Mr. Brown said that the windows are vinyl, and he showed a sample of the windows to the commission members. He said that a

vinyl window will get the same ratings as a wood window will and cost less. The windows will be 6 over 6 (as they are now). Mrs. Woollacott asked if there was any difference in the glass. Mr. Brown said that the glass is the same as before, and is thermal pane glass. They put the same type of glass in St. Mary's offices on Massacco Street. Mr. Lanza asked if they were doing a full replacement. Mr. Brown said that these are replacement style. The frame work of the window will stay intact, but the sashes will be replaced. Mr. Brown said that the glass will be treated with the "Low E", an argon gas, which upgrades the rating for the glass. This will maximize the efficiency of the windows. Mr. Duffy said that he did a lot of research on this product and found that they are either number one or number two in the nation. Mr. Duffy said that he wants to put something in that lasts.

Paul Lanza moved to approve as presented the application of David W. and Jean N. Duffy, Owners, for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace deteriorating windows on property located at 105 East Weatogue Street. The motion was seconded by Evan Woollacott and passed unanimously.

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IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of November 6, 2008

Ken Feder moved to approve the Minutes of November 6, 2008. The motion was seconded by Diane Mead and was unanimously approved.

V. OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

The Commission re-approved their 2009 regular meeting schedule.

Marc Lubetkin distributed a summary he put together of the role the Historic District Commission should play in town. He said that this is a follow-up from last month's meeting. Diane Mead questioned how they would go about getting funding for ideas. Marc Lubetkin said that he went to a session where material was handed out on how to get funding.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A Commissioner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Diane Mead and passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Woollacott, Chairman