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Charrette Subcommittee
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The meeting convened at 4:35 p.m. by Mary Glassman, First Selectman. In attendance were Peter Stempien, Zoning Board of Appeals; Emil Dahlquist, Chair, Design Review Board; John Loomis, Chair, Planning Commission and Robert Hensley, Board of Selectmen.

There was no public audience.

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 Commission, CRCOG and the Historic Trust. 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 HOMECT 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 center housing issues and the charrette process will look at the center more broadly.

Mr. Stempien raised concern about whether the process should go forward at all during these economic times. Mr. Dahlquist said this might be a perfect time during this economic time to get it right the first time and not to get it wrong. Mr. Dahlquist also suggested that 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.

The group agreed to reconvene after the proposals are received by Hiram Peck.

Mr. Stempien made a motion to adjourn at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Loomis.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman