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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Woollacott, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. The following members and alternates were also present: Kenneth Feder, J. Paul Lanza, and Marc Lubetkin. Also in attendance was Lynn Charest, Zoning Enforcement Officer.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

None were needed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 5, 2009 regular meeting

Ken Feder made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2009 as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Paul Lanza and unanimously approved.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Scenic Road Signage

Mr. Lanza said that a piece could be made to go on top of the arm of the existing historic district signs. In the places where there are not any existing historic district signs, the same detail could be used and be placed on a metal piece and onto a post. He asked for the actual sign designations, saying he could get a price from the person who did the other signs.

Mr. Lubetkin discussed signage for all the historic homes and places. He asked that this Commission put together a plan as a supplement to their Historic District Book that identifies an approach to signage throughout

all of Simsbury. Identify signage needs such as scenic roads, historic districts, and historic homes. Mr. Lubetkin suggested using something as simple as a bronze plaque that says Simsbury Historic, with their number on it.

A suggestion was made to speak with Gerald Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation to see if he could provide some guidance as he has done quite a bit of research on signage for the Simsbury Farms area.

Lynn Charest said that our Public Works Department makes signs. Basically, for the roads that are not in the historic district (shown on map), aluminum material types of signs could be used with some sort of design on it. A suggestion was made that the town should look at what the signage needs are.

Mr. Lanza said that he would like to get the scenic road signs on the existing historic district signs as soon as possible. He asked how you go about that. Ms. Charest said that she would have to see if they need approval from the Zoning Commission.

b. Tariffville Village Green Project

Chairman Elizabeth Woollacott said that she attended the Design Review Board meeting held on March 24th with regard to the Tariffville Village Green project presentation. She passed around drawings on the project. The Commissioners briefly discussed the construction material of the gazebo. Chairman Woollacott said that she thought that this project was a good idea.

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V. OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

a. Update on staff attendance at "Historic Preservation" seminar

Ms. Charest discussed the Historic Preservation seminar she attended.

b. Status of Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant Application

The Commissioners discussed what can be done with the CLG Grant.

Mr. Lubetkin said that if you look in the tax and ownership rolls of the Town, the year the house was built is listed. He asked if a report could be run of all the homes in Simsbury by reported year built. Ms. Charest said that she would have to ask the Assessor. Mr. Lubetkin said that if they can

get a report, they would then have an estimate of approximately how many houses are 50 and 100 years old and older. He said that they could look at the report as a committee and decide on what is the break point. Possibly, it could be sorted by area neighborhood. He said that an RFP would have to be put together.

Mr. Lubetkin moved that the Historic District Commission pursue on an annual basis funding necessary to complete the inventory in perpetuity until the project is complete. Mr. Feder seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lubetkin asked about a state data base for vetting consultants. Could this data base be accessed and a list of resources (architect, historian, etc.) be developed for Simsbury. Mr. Feder said that the list of consultants who do historical architectural surveys can be emailed over from the State Historic Preservation Office. Mr. Feder said that he would take care of that.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lubetkin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feder and passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Woollacott, Chairman