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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 4, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Woollacott, Chairman, called the Historic District Commission to order at 7:38 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at the Simsbury Town Hall. The following members were also present: Evan Woollacott, and Kenneth Feder. Paul Lanza arrived at 7:55 p.m. Also in attendance were Lynn Charest, Zoning Enforcement Officer and other interested parties.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Woollacott appointed Mr. Lanza to serve on the Commission.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 2, 2010

Dr. Feder made a motion to approve the September 2, 2010 as written. Mr. Lanza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Representative from New England GEO to discuss next steps in Historic District mapping

Mr. Dooley of New England GeoSystems, LLC, stated that \$2,800 was allocated for this work through the grant. They have spent \$800 - \$900 of that money to date. He stated that he would like this Commission to look at this mapping in order to guide them where they want to go. Mr. Dooley stated that this mapping is a town wide initiative; this Commission can piggyback on what the Town is doing regarding the GIS mapping.

Marwin Gonzalez of New England GeoSystems, LLC, stated that they have created paper maps for the Town. The next aspect is to make this mapping

on the internet available to Town employees and at some point available to the public. The Historic District Commission can use this mapping as their platform; it will be a link off of the Town website.

Mr. Gonzalez showed the Commission members how to type in an address and the property card will be called up. He stated that this Commission will be able to call up property cards with the houses that were done in the historic inventory by Mr. Karmazinas. Mr. Gonzalez stated that they are proposing to create a tool so people can see whatever information that is available for the Historic District and other documents associated with each property. Dr. Feder stated that this would be for not only the Historic District, but the historic inventory as well.

Dr. Feder questioned if photographs could be called up when clicking on a property. Mr. Dooley stated that photos could be shown if they are available.

Dr. Feder stated that the Commission is looking for an easily used, web-based program to do research regarding the Historic District. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the information is updated by them on a regular basis.

Dr. Feder stated that some local property owners will be nervous about their property being online on this program. He stated that he would like to make sure concerned residents are taken into consideration. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the public can go to the Assessor's Office to state that they do not want their information on the program. Mr. Gonzalez stated that there is a way to look up houses by the year they were built using the advanced search. He stated that his company can do many things like this, depending on how far the Town would like to take this mapping.

Mr. Dooley stated that they will need to get more direction from the Town to make sure they will be moving forward. After a commitment is received from the Town, the HDC can then begin to decide what it is that they want to incorporate.

The Commission members thanked Mr. Dooley and Mr., Gonzalez for their presentation.

Historic District Commission Strategic Plan Review (presented by Marc Lubetkin)

There was no report.

SCLG Grant Information Update

Ms. Charest stated that there is grant money available.

Dr. Feder made a motion that the Historic District Commission actively pursue the SCLG grant. Mr. Woollacott seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Status of the Historic Alliance

There was no report.

V. APPROVAL OF 2011 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Woollacott made a motion to approve the 2011 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented. Mr. Lanza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Patty Hyypa, 42 East Weatogue Street, stated she recently moved into this house. She stated that there are a few changes she would like to make on the property. Her biggest concern is the out buildings on the property. She feels that these buildings may be a safety issue. Ms. Hyypa showed photographs of the old buildings to the Commission members. Mr. Lanza stated that one of the barns on the property was condemned, although he is unsure if it was ever taken down.

Ms. Charest stated that Ms. Hyypa should get a demolition permit from the Building Department.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Woollacott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Feder seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.