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I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were Chairman Elizabeth Woollacott, Commission Members Ken Feder, Paul Lanza, Marc Lubetkin, Evan Woollacott, and Lynn Charest, Zoning Compliance Officer of Conservation/Inland Wetlands.

II. ROLL CALL - APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

The members of the Historic District Commission stated roll call. An alternate was not appointed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 5, 2008

Ken Feder made a motion, seconded by Paul Lanza, and passed unanimously by the Historic District Commission to approve the June 5, 2008 Minutes.

IV. APPROVAL OF 2009 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Evan Woollacott made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Woollacott, and passed unanimously by the Historic District Commission to approve the 2009 Regular Meeting Schedule.

V. DISCUSSION ON MEETING ATTENDED BY MARC LUBETKIN
ON "MANAGING HISTORIC DISTRICTS IN CONNECTICUT"

Marc Lubetkin presented books he obtained from the above meeting to the Historic District Commission Members for their perusal.

He explained the presentation covered topics on how to create an Historic District Commission, the purpose of Historic District

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Commissions, the make-up of the Commissions, responsibilities, and more.

Marc reported one item they suggested the Commissions provide is a ten minute question asking period before each meeting where residents can ask non-binding questions.

Also, the HDC should have one assigned member act as a liaison to the Town's Zoning/Planning Commission and attend those meetings as well.

One HDC member stated no person had ever come before the HDC that was not a resident within the boundaries of the Historic District.

Marc relayed that this was spoken about, and it was explained that the responsibility lies on the HDC to go before the Zoning/Planning Commission and make a proposal that any building within the Town that has historic value have the courtesy to request that the HDC attend their meeting to act as a resource before any final decisions are made.

A portion of the Presentation spoke about Towns having an inventory list of all buildings and homes in Town that have any historic value. This list would be available to all Commissions so the properties are "high lighted" before decisions are made in applications.

Marc Lubetkin explained there are monies available to hire a professional to put the Town Inventory List together that could also be placed on-line. He volunteered to investigate this further.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Historic District Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Lungarini