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PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE
Special Meeting - January 6, 2009

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Chairman Ostop convened the meeting at 4:10 p.m. in the Apple Barn at the Simsbury Farms Complex.

Present: Derr, Kelly, Laureno, Ostop, Patrina, Rowland

Absent: Cortes, Dragulski, Salvatore

Guests: Hopper, Toner, Post

Simsbury Farms Complex Needs Assessment Study

Mr. Hopper reported that following the previous PBC meeting, he and Mr. Toner and Mr. Sawitzke met re the study. Following that meeting and after meeting with staff of Simsbury Farms, Mr. Hopper did further work on the study and at this special meeting distributed copies of Preliminary Floor Plans, with statements of probable costs, for the Main Building and for the Apple Barn. He also distributed copies of the Preliminary Architectural Program for each of the buildings, listing the rooms, the size and area of square footage of each.

Mr. Hopper addressed the preliminary floor plans for the Apple Barn. There was Q and A and lengthy discussion re multiple facets of the study such as (1) requirements of the programs (2) for profit use in addition to non profit use of the facilities, (3) groups requesting use of spaces (4) numbers of bathrooms and their impact on programming (5) availability of water (6) sources of alternate energy and (7) firewalls, as a few examples. Mr. Toner said that the issue of non profit use of the facilities is definitely going to be addressed.

Chairman Ostop stated that the job of the PBC is to provide only a general overall basic plan and probable costs to the BOF next week.

Mr. Hopper addressed the preliminary floor plans for the main building. There was Q and A and there was ongoing discussion re various aspects and considerations for this building.

General positive feelings were expressed about the plans presented and the

suggestion was made that there be line items for some of the considerations presented.

The restaurant, which is not actually part of the recreation complex, was discussed re uses, foot traffic, current problems and suggestions for change.

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Mr. Hopper said that he will put together a program just for the restaurant at the golf course with some options to be considered and include the square footage and potential costs

There was consensus that the complete program is a five or six year program.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Patrino, a second by Ms. Rowland and a unanimously favorable vote.

Alice Rowland
secretary