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LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 11, 2013

1.0 Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Vernon Historical Society. Members present were Hurd, Quinn, Saucier, Iacobello and Nelson. Also present was Shaun Gately, Vernon Economic Development Coordinator and Amir Shaikh of Naek Construction Company.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 14, 2013 – A motion was made by Quinn and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2013 regular meeting. The motion was approved with Saucier abstaining. The Committee did not meet in March.

3.0 Communications

3.1 Notification of a conference sponsored by the National Park Service in Gettysburg, May 21 & 22.

4.0 Review of the PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications

4.1 Review of Alternative Windows for the Springville Mill Apartments. Following discussion of the proposal and examination of the sample window provided, a motion was made by Quinn, seconded by Saucier and unanimously approved to support the plan for the replacement windows with comment on the need for duplication of the original sash, original muntins and the original color with the Aeroseal windows, as presented. Chairman Hurd will prepare the letter of support.

4.2 Other New Applications as required - none

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Design Guidelines for Historic Districts and Properties – The proof was reviewed with numerous changes necessary prior to publication.

5.2 Study of the Strong Farm, War Memorial Tower and Hockanum Company House – A written description and a sketch map of the War Tower have been completed by Ralph Zahner.

5.3 Talcottville Transportation Improvements Project – Maintenance Issues – no report

6.0 New Business

6.1 Amir Shaikh of Naek Construction Company presented a request at the suggestion of Susan Chandler of the State Preservation Office regarding the removal of the central stairs of the Juvenile Court Building, 25 School Street. The stairway is not used and presents a security risk in its present condition. The space used by the nonfunctional stairway can be used for storage and a meeting room on the first floor. As this is an interior renovation, it was agreed that this committee does not have the authority to comment on this matter. A motion was made by Quinn, seconded by Saucier, and unanimously voted to comment on this request that we were asked to do, stating that we don't make recommendations for interiors and that we have no objection to the proposal.

7.0 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

Date Approved: