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Minutes – Public Hearing – June 13, 2013

Chairman Hurd called the public hearing to order at 7:40 PM at the Vernon Historical Society. Members present were Hurd, Quinn, Iacobello and Nelson. Members of the public present were those representing the church: Doug Thompson, John Backer, Sharon Backer and Paul Hotchkiss. Also present: Dennis Bellamy and Ken Kaplan.

The legal notice as published in the Reminder Press was read by Commission Secretary Carol Nelson:

Request for Certificate of Appropriateness from the Talcottville Congregational Church for roof replacement and related work at the existing church building at 52 Main Street in the Talcottville Historic District, Vernon.

Doug Thompson presented the scope of the work. The church roof is of red slate and is approximately a hundred years old. There is significant damage to interior wall with leaking of the failed roof. The slate roofing will be replaced with red slate. The flat roof over the entry will be rebuilt. The work will include flashing and eaves as well as new gutters that will be 20-ounce copper. The bell tower roof will also be replaced. All the exterior brick will be cleaned, repointed and waterproofed. The work will begin at the end of August or September and is expected to be a 6 to 8 week project. The contractor will be locally known roofer Dave Walsh.

Restoring the bell tower is under consideration. The gutter will be lowered to enable collection of more rain water and snow.

Chairman Hurd noted that the church never had a steeple. The religious education addition is about 50 years old. He recommended that a structural engineer be employed for advice on the project.

Neighbor Dennis Bellamy spoke in favor of the project.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Richard Quinn, seconded by Sarah Iacobello and unanimously voted to approve a certificate of appropriateness for Talcottville Congregational Church for the red slate roof replacement as outlined, the copper gutters and downspouts as described, the cleaning, pointing and sealing of the exterior masonry and the future replication of the original parapet.

The work proposal is in agreement with the standards of the Secretary of the Interior to repair or replace in kind.

Draft for Approval

Date Approved:

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary