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LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 9, 2015

1.0 Roll Call - Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Vernon Historical Society. Members present were Hurd, Quinn, Nelson, Saucier, Iacobello and Reudgen. Also present were Brianan Nolan, Town Planner and Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator. Present for the waiver of delay request for 12 Foxcroft Road were Heath and Lee Frazier.

4.1 Waiver of Delay of Demolition for property at 12 Foxcroft Road; requested by Frazier Building and Remodeling. Saucier entered the meeting and Reudgen sat for Iacobello who entered the meeting during the discussion of this item. The owners wish to demolish the 1950's Cape style house and construct a raised ranch house. Sewers are now available. The house has a stone foundation and is in rough shape. It was determined that he house has no historic value. A motion was made by Quinn and seconded by Saucier to grant a waiver of the ninety day demolition delay. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative with Hurd, Nelson, Quinn, Saucier and Reudgen all in favor of the motion. Chairman Hurd will compose a letter to the Building Official.

1.0 Roll Call resumed with Susan Reudgen welcomed as a new Alternate Member of the Commission. Iacobello assumed voting participation.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 Regular Meeting February 12, 2015. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Saucier, seconded by Nelson and voted in the affirmative with Hurd, Nelson and Saucier voting in favor of the motion and Quinn and Iacobello abstaining.

3.0 Communications

No correspondence was received.

4.0 Review of the PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications

4.2 Waiver of Delay of Demolition for Property at 18 Snipsic Street; requested by Environmental Services, Inc. on behalf of owner Connecticut Water Company. The house is located in the rear alongside of a large water tank. It was determined that the house has no historic value. A motion was made by Quinn seconded by Saucier and unanimously voted to grant a waiver of the ninety day demolition delay. Chairman Hurd will compose a letter to the Building Official.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Design Guidelines for Historic Districts and Properties – Distribution of booklets: No report

5.2 Study of the Strong Farm, War Memorial Tower, Lucina Chapel and Hockanum Company House: No report

5.3 Tour of the Hockanum Mill – postponed – To Be Determined

6.0 New Business

Shaun Gately presented conceptual plans for the area of 19 Grove Street and the East Main Street and Brooklyn Street property. The buildings have been long neglected and are in rough shape. The plans are to preserve the character of the area, cleaning and rebuilding the area by demolishing some of the buildings, repurposing some of the other buildings, while creating a walkway and bikeway along the former Amerbelle property and the south side of Papermill Pond to Loom City Lofts. A RFQ will be soon be in the works.

7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Carol S. Nelson

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

Date Approved: May 14, 2015