



TOWN OF VERNON

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OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 14, 2016

Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Vernon Historical Society.

1.0 Roll Call - Members present were Hurd, Saucier, Quinn, and Nelson. Iacobello entered during the meeting with Alternate Trapp sitting for her. Alternate Nicholson was also present. Chairman Hurd introduced Tara Trapp who has been appointed as an Alternate replacing Susan Reudgen who has resigned. Also present were Town Planner Marina Rodriguez and Arno Groot, representing Union Church and Jerry Bundy, representing the Vernon Military Flag Fund Committee.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 Regular Meeting – February 11, 2016 - A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Nicholson seconded by Saucier and voted in the affirmative with Quinn abstaining.
- 2.2 Special Meeting – March 1, 2016 - A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Saucier to approve the minutes as presented and voted unanimously.

3.0 Communications

- 3.1 Letter of appointment of Tara Trapp as an Alternate to the LHPC through April 3, 2018.

4.0 Review of the PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications

- 4.1 Application of Union Church for a Modification of an Existing Sign, Union and Elm Streets, Rockville – Iacobello entered the meeting at the beginning of the discussion of this item. Arno Groot presented plans to replace the existing sign with an LED sign inside the current frame. There will be white letters on a black background. The present sign is hazardous to manually change due to the small access area and retaining wall. It takes about an hour to change the letters. Underground cables exist and need not be replaced. A motion was made by Quinn, seconded by Nicholson and unanimously voted to approve the proposal as presented. Chairman Hurd will prepare a letter for the PZC for its April 21, 2016 meeting.

5.0 Unfinished Business

- 5.1 Study of the Strong Farm, War Memorial Tower, Lucina Chapel and Hockanum Company House: No report. Chairman Hurd will complete work.

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 Talcottville Military Flag Project – Jerry Bundy of the Vernon Military Flag Fund Committee presented a proposal to place seven flag poles, twenty-five feet in height, for displaying the U.S. flag and six service branch flags at the vacant parcel between the Talcottville Church parking lot and the unused structure on the east side of Main Street. The flag poles would be in a semi-circle along the bank. This property is owned by the church. John Talcott has offered to pay for the poles. Following some discussion, it was questioned if a flag pole is a structure and the issue will be discussed at the next meeting with the possible reframing of the guidelines. A motion was made by Quinn, seconded by Nicholson and unanimously voted to support the project as presented without the need to apply for a certificate of appropriateness.

7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

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Date Approved: *May 12, 2016*

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