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Town of Vernon
Vernon Traffic Authority
Thursday, February 11, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Community Room
Vernon Police Department
725 Hartford Turnpike
Vernon, CT 06066

DRAFT MINUTES

Chief James Kenny called the Vernon Traffic Authority meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Charles Bettinger, Robert Kleinhans, Jon-Paul Roden, Mason Thrall, Adam Libros, and Robert O'Gara.

1. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2016 meeting.
Mr. Bettinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Kleinhans to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously with Mr. Thrall abstaining.

2. Review of Site Plan for 243 and 253 Talcottville Road.

Leonard Jacobs, Attorney for Jacobs, Walker, Rice & Barry, LLC. gave an overview of the project.
Patrick O'Leary, Principle and Professional Engineer for Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Wethersfield, CT appeared on behalf of developers, explained proposed site plans and plans for retail, residential, and clubhouse buildings, discussed traffic flow through and around the site, internal circulation, curb cuts, mountable concrete, external circulation, signalized intersections, peak hour traffic flow, and lane widening on subject property. A map was distributed to commission members showing traffic study area with intersections. Questions regarding coordinating traffic signals, crosswalks, bus stops, CT bus traffic stop, signage, fire lanes, and lighting were addressed.

Chief Kenny made a motion seconded by Mr. Bettinger to accept the proposal with the stipulations that pedestrian signalization be installed at Allen Drive and the developer is to provide a pull over for school buses at the Allen Drive intersection. Additionally, a stipulation is included that raised mountable curbing be utilized at the right turn southern exit to the complex. Motion passed with stipulations unanimously with Mr. Kleinhans abstaining.

3. Review of Modified Site Plan for 200 West Main Street.

Leonard Jacobs, Attorney for Jacobs, Walker, Rice & Barry, LLC, representing Ken Kaplan gave introductions of those present and discussed the application and rehabilitation of the old mill property.

Eric Peterson, P.E. of Gardner & Peterson Associates discussed plans to rehabilitate and occupy and the uses of buildings 3, 4, and 8. Proposed improvements would be to add sidewalks and handicap access to occupied floors.

Jim Bubaris of Bubaris Traffic Associates, Waterford, CT distributed revised Traffic Assessment and discussed calculations based on traffic volume at peak and weekend hours and building use. Discussed proposal being completed in incremental stages, parking areas, crosswalks, lighting, and two-way driveway.

Chief Kenny made a motion seconded by Mr. Kleinhans to accept the limited design proposal for 200 and 161 West Main Street with the stipulations that the proposed crosswalk be shown on the site plan, receive adequate lighting, and the signage be installed consistent with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Motion passed with stipulations unanimously.

4. Request for Deer Crossing signage on Bolton Road at intersection of Valley Falls Road.

   A copy of Section 2C.50 regarding Non-Vehicular Warning signs was included in commission packet. Discussion was held regarding number of deer strikes, over signage, rural scenic area.

   Mr. O'Gara made a motion seconded by Mr. Bettinger to not approve request for deer crossing signage at intersection of Valley Falls Road. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment
   Mr. Bettinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Kleinhans to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Hewett
Recording Secretary