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Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 13, 2010

- 1.0 Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Members present included, Courtois, Hurd, Iacobello, Nelson, Quinn, and Saucier. Iacobello left at 8:20; Nelson sat in her place.
- 2.0 Minutes
 - 2.1. Acceptance of Minutes, Regular Meeting of April 8 – On a motion by Quinn, seconded by Iacobello, minutes of the meeting were approved. Unanimous.
- 3.0 Communication
 - 3.1. A letter was received from the Zoning Enforcement Officer in response to the LHPC letter referencing the sign on the new church in Talcottville. The pastor was spoken to; the need for a Certificate of Appropriateness was explained. The sign was removed.
- 4.0 PZC, ZBA, Demolition Applications
 - 4.1. A public hearing will be held by the ZBA covering two issues
 - 4.1.1. The Buddhist Temple on Prospect Street – A variance was requested for an awning over the front door of the temple. The commission had no comments on the variance without seeing the plans for the addition.
 - 4.1.2. 1 Ellington Ave. – The developer has altered the initial plans and is seeking a variance for 17 units. The original plan was for 19 units. The new plan still exceeds the allowable number of units based on the size of the lot. A motion was made by Quinn to send a second letter to the ZBA reaffirming the LHPC's opposition to the variance. The Commission has several concerns. The variance is due to the actions of the developer, which is specifically referenced in statutes as a non-allowable condition. The density of the proposed project will negatively affect the character of the neighborhood. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Hurd will send the letter to the ZBA.
- 5.0 County Home School
 - 5.1. The PZA acted on the lease and found it to be in keeping with the town's plan of development. The Town Council will hold a public hearing on June 1 to hear comment on the lease.
- 6.0 Unfinished Business
 - 6.1. Design Guidelines - Changes were discussed in response to input from the Historic Talcottville Association. The Association would like stronger wording in regard to signage, parking and historic character. The Commission discussed these changes and will work on specific wording for the Guidelines. The Commission will pursue a grant through the Connecticut Council on Culture and Tourism to publish the completed Guidelines.
 - 6.2. Strong Farm – no change
 - 6.3. Barn Survey – Courtois, Hurd and Quinn have completed most of the survey.
- 7.0 New Business -
 - 7.1. Quinn announced that the Historic Talcottville Association has reformed after a brief absence. The Association plans to meet with the new church to discuss concerns.
- 8.0 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Courtois

Paul Courtois, Secretary

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