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OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 11, 2009

- 1.0 Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:38. Members present included Battaglio, Courtois, Hurd, Iacobello, Nicholson, Quinn, and Saucier. Also present was M. Rodriguez, Economic Development Coordinator.
- 2.0 Minutes
 - 2.1. Acceptance of Minutes, Regular Meeting of November 12 - On a motion by Saucier, seconded by Quinn, minutes of the meeting were approved, unanimous with one abstention.
- 3.0 Communication - none
- 4.0 PZC, ZBA, Demolition Applications
 - 4.1. Waiver of Delay of Demolition – An application was made by E. John King, Director of Engineering of Connecticut, to waive the delay for the demolition of a house owned by the company located at 9 Tolland Ave, Vernon. The intention is to demolish the house to utilize the property for a future project. The house has no historic value. A motion by Quinn, seconded by Iacobello, was made to grant the waiver. Four members voted in favor of the motion with one abstention. The motion passed a letter will be sent to Peter Hobbs, Building Official, copied to the applicant informing them of the decision.
- 5.0 County Home School
 - 5.1. There has been no change in the status of the project.
- 6.0 Unfinished Business
 - 6.1. Design Guidelines – Final edits were completed and the document is ready for final approval.
 - 6.2. Strong Farm – No change
- 7.0 New Business
 - 7.1. Virginia Gingras for the Friends of Valley Falls Farm made a presentation. The organization is seeking a letter of support to accompany a grant proposal. The grant is a Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation – Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant. The Friends of VFF is seeking to acquire the grant to help preserve the future of the property and to expand the programs. On a motion by Iacobello, seconded by Saucier, the commission voted unanimously to support the grant application. Chairman Hurd will draft a letter.
 - 7.2. The 2010 meeting schedule was approved. The meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of November. The November meeting will be on the third Thursday. The meeting start time has been moved to 7:00pm.
 - 7.3. Iacobello reported on the PZC meetings for the town Plan of Conservation and Development. Approximately 50 people attended the first meeting. A list of issues was created. Historic Resources was determined to be an important concern of the citizens. Town commissions are invited to the February 11 meeting to provide input on the plan.
- 8.0 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Courtois
Paul Courtois, Secretary



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Minutes – Special Meeting – November 7, 2009

1. Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM at the Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place, Rockville. Members present include Hurd, Nicholson and Quinn. Also present was Marina Rodriguez, Vernon's Economic Development Coordinator.
2. Walking Tour of Talcott Park Neighborhood – The Commission toured the Talcott Park Neighborhood from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.
3. Tour of Thomas Sykes House – The Commission was met at the house by Christopher and Heather Crowne, owners of the house who led a guided tour of the first floor and the grounds.
4. After completion of tour, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hurd, Acting Secretary