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PUBLIC HEARING – August 8, 2020 – Certificate of Appropriateness for 36-38 Elm Hill Road, Talcottville Historic District, Valerie Budil, owner and applicant

Chairman Hurd called the public hearing to order at 7:30 PM via Zoom due to the pandemic.

Members present were Hurd, Nelson, and Saucier. Absent were Quinn and Iacobello. Alternates present were Trapp who sat for Iacobello, and Sierakowski who sat for Quinn. Also present were Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator, Geroge McGregor, Town Planner, and Valerie Budil, applicant, owner of 36-38 Elm Hill Road. Also present were Glenn Yeakel, Brian Kenny, and Norma Marchesani.

Hearing on Request for Certificate of Appropriateness from Valerie Budil, representing herself, to replace approximately 22 windows in the exiting two-family residence at 36-38 Elm Hill Road in the Talcottville Historic District, Vernon, CT.

The legal notice appeared in the Journal Inquirer on August 8, 2020, and the appropriate fee has been paid.

Valerie Budil proposes to replace approximately twenty-two in the two family home. The existing windows are in poor condition. Photos were shown of the structure with some of the windows identified. The proposed windows from Window World, are vinyl with a six over six textured grid. The applicant expressed that the windows will have the same size opening but was unsure of the size of the glass area.

There being no comments from the public, a motion was made by Sierakowski, seconded by Trapp and unanimously voted to continue the hearing to the next meeting. The public hearing was ended at 7:46 p.m.

Continuation – September 10, 2020, via ZOOM. Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Hurd, Nelson, Saucier, Iacobello. Absent: Quinn. Alternates present were Trapp who sat for Quinn, and Nicolson and Sierakowski. Also present were the applicant Valerie Budil, Town Planner George McGregor and Economic Development Coordinator Shaun Gately.

The applicant submitted the requested photos of two completed buildings and a brochure detailing the desired windows from the vendor Window World. Four of the replacements are larger windows and will have 9 over 9 grid. The inner grid has a textured appearance. Budil had also consulted a restorer who believed that the windows were in rough shape for any restoration attempt. Economic constraints and energy costs are a compelling factor. Photos of the Budil home were reshown and the windows will emulate the existing windows. The public hearing closed at 7:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Iacobello, seconded by Trapp, and unanimously voted to grant the certificate of appropriateness for window replacement as proposed by the contractor Window World for the windows designated at 36-38 Elm Hill Road, Talcottville section of Vernon.

The regular meeting of September 10, 2020, continued.

3.1 Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2020, were approved as submitted with a motion made by Saucier, seconded by Iacobello and approved with Iacobello abstaining.

The minutes of the Public Hearing of August 13, 2020 were deferred to October and will be combined with the continuation of the hearing.

4. Communications – unknown

5. Review of PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications – none

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Study of the Strong Farm, War Memorial Tower, Lucina Chapel, and Hockanum Company House – discussion deferred

7. New Business

7.1 Discussion of the Master Plan of Conservation and Development per request of Town Planner- The loss of historic buildings is among the critical concerns discussed. It was agreed that a Special Meeting/Workshop needs to be scheduled so that responses to the request can be discussed and formulated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with a motion made by Iacobello and seconded by Saucier.

~~Draft for Approval~~ *cm*

Carol S. Nelson

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

Date Approved: *NOV. 12, 2020*