



TOWN OF VERNON

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OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes – Regular Meeting – January 9, 2020

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Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Community Room of the Old Talcott Mill Apartments, Main Street, Talcottville section of Vernon. The location for the meeting was made available by the mill owner and developer Al Pedemonti.

- 1.0 Roll Call – Members were present: Hurd, Quinn, Saucier, and Nelson. Alternates present were Sierakowski and Nicholson who sat for Iacobello. Absent were Iacobello and Alternate Trapp. Also present were Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator/Town Planner and David Smith, Town Engineer. Present were residents of the Talcottville Historic District: Valerie Budil, Robert & Charlotte Opalenik, David and Donna Haddox, and Michael Dezso.
- 2.0 Public Discussion of the application of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties by the Local Historic Properties Commission. Copies of the Design Guidelines, A Plan of Appropriateness & Protection, published in 2012, were distributed. Following introductory remarks requesting feedback on the application of the Secretary of the Interior's rehabilitation standards, a discussion was held. There was a consensus that alternative materials that are more affordable yet retain the original appearance should be permitted. Chairman Hurd suggested that due to the \$50 application fee that covers the cost of the legal notice, multiple projects be included in the application, even though the work may be extended.
- 5.2 Continued discussion of the replacement for the iron bridge over the Tankerhoosen River at Main Street – Town Engineer David Smith explained the construction of a new bridge with the retention of the historic iron bridge. He requested a recommendation for the paint color. It was agreed that black would be the preferable color choice.
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1 Regular Meeting – December 12, 2019 – A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Quinn, seconded by Saucier and unanimously approved.
- 3.0 Communications – No communications have been received.
- 4.0 Review of PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications
 - 4.1 New Applications as required – None received.
- 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 the work.
- 6.0 New Business - None
- 7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM with a motion made by Saucier, seconded by Quinn and unanimously approved.

Carol S. Nelson
~~DRAFT FOR APPROVAL~~ *csn*

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

Date Approved: *Feb. 13, 2020*