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Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 11, 2021

Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM via ZOOM Audio Teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 1.0 Roll Call – Members present were Hurd, Nelson, Quinn, Saucier and Iacobello. Alternates present were Trapp, Nicholson, and Sierakowski. Also present was Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes
 - 2.1 Regular Meeting – November 12, 2020 – A motion was made by Iacobello, seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion was passed with Saucier and Quinn abstaining.
- 3.0 Communications – None received.
- 4.0 Review of PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications – None pending
- 5.0 Unfinished Business
 - 5.1 Study of the Strong Farm, War Memorial Tower, Lucina Chapel and Hockanum Company House – No report
- 6.0 New Business
 - 6.1 Amerbelle – This mill property has been in the planning stages since 2012 with several developers showing interest in the property but yielding no success. The site now has been expanded to include the former Anocoil parcel that makes any project more desirable. EDC Coordinator Shaun Gately showed conceptual plans proposed by Union Studio, entitled Vernon Mills Development. The plan includes 200 apartments at market rate, along with commercial space with retail and restaurants. An attractive feature is the open waterway. Financing would be needed along with the historic tax credits. Adding hydro is questionable. Existing buildings would be renovated with additional buildings constructed on the areas where remediation was not completed and the area encapsulated.
 - 6.2 Sustainable Connecticut – In 2019 the certification was received. A renewal process is required every three years and it is time to start planning for this process. Some of the categories have increased and Shaun will be coming back and seeking more input. The deadline will be August, 2022. Grants are available to fund projects.
- 7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM with a motion made by Quinn, seconded by Iacobello and unanimously approved.


~~DRAFT FOR APPROVAL~~ *CSN*

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

Date Approved: *April 8, 2021*