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Minutes – Special Meeting – May 24, 2022

Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom with remote attendance.

1.0 Roll Call – Members present were Hurd, Olson, Nelson, and Quinn. Absent was Saucier. Alternates present were Nicholson and Trapp who sat for Saucier. Alternate Sierakowski was absent. Also present were Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development and Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works. No members of the public were present.

2.0 Review of PZC, ZBA and Demolition Applications

2.1 Request for a waiver of 90-day demolition delay for the property at 19 Park Street (Assessor ID: Map 40, Block 0107, Lot 00007) by Bestech Inc of Connecticut, on behalf of the property owner, Town of Vernon. The permit pertains to the demolition of a two-family dwelling, constructed in 1952, and a detached garage, constructed in 1920, in their entirety.

Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, presented the application for the contractor. The Town of Vernon acquired the property by foreclosure or tax sale. Although the property is listed in Assessor records as 19 Park Street, it is listed in the National Register as 21 Park Street with the date of construction for both structures as 1920. It is sandwiched between the Prescott office building and the former United Bank building. The property is in poor condition with a leaking roof, copper piping stripped, inoperable furnace, lead paint, rodents, and recent fire damage. Homeless have been occupying the home. Asbestos has been identified and removed as has the services. Some items of historical value have been removed for safe keeping. The plans are to remove the structures, fill in the hole and create parking that is needed for Memorial Building and Citizen Block use. It was determined that the cost of renovation would exceed the value of the property. There are similar homes on the street that have been renovated.

Reluctantly, a motion was made by Quinn, seconded by Nelson and unanimously voted to request that the Building Official waive the 90-day demolition delay for the property listed as 19 Park Street.

3.0 Adjourn – A motion was made by Quinn, seconded by Olson, and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

Date Approved: July 28, 2022