

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting July 19, 2021

In attendance: N. Versaggi, M. Hadsell, P. Deeley, A. Jablonski and ML Supa

Meeting began at 5:35pm

Meeting adjourned: 6:55pm

Old Business

- Coal House Vestal Rail Trail / Vestal Museum

Vestal Museum Director's office on second floor of Coal House.

Museum continues to pack artifacts in preparation for move.

- Jones Roth Farmstead

Local landmark sign has not been installed as of July 19, 2021. M. Hadsell spoke with Vestal Supervisor of Parks & Highways to ask when it will be installed. She was informed that it would be this week.

- 301 N. Main Street

Installation of the roof for the Rounds house has not been started. E-mails to owner, D. Muench, informed him that the Commission, with support from SHPO, strongly supports the retention of the chimney. In addition, the Commission affirms that the roof installation may begin, despite any negative answers from the National Parks Service. The roof is a replacement of an asphalt roof with an asphalt roof. Therefore, no major change to the exterior will occur and will not negate the status of National Register.

The Commission would like to have a letter from SHPO giving the owner permission to begin.

- African Road Markers

No decision has been made by the Pomeroy Foundation

New Business

- Yellow Lustron House 2452 Vestal Parkway East

The owners of the yellow Lustron House, J. Reilly and V. Reilly, sent a letter to the Commission requesting the demolition of the structure citing structural degradation and mechanical issues. The reason given for the demolition is that Lustron houses are "non-conventional" and thereby, unable to be renovated (letter from owner).

The Lustron house is a local landmark in Vestal along with the wider national listing for Lustron houses. The Commission will ask the owner for the maintenance records and repairs for the house. Demolition due to property owner neglect is not reason enough for the destruction of a historic house. Further discussion by the Commission will determine if a report from a building inspector is needed.

The Vestal Historical Society will also be informed of the demolition plan.

- The Latourette Farm has a new owner. The Commission will send a welcome packet.
- Suggestion for August meeting is to tour Vestal and photograph the landmark structures to have an updated record.

Next meeting (survey tour) August 18, 2021