

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting June 21, 2021

In Attendance: N. Versaggi, M. Hadsell, A. Jablonski and ML Supa

Absent: P. Deeley

Meeting began at 6:03pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:10pm

First in person meeting since COVID restrictions March 2020.

Old Business

- Coal House Vestal Rail Trail and Vestal Museum

Artifacts from Vestal Museum are being packed for future move. Currently, no storage space is available.

Coal House now has a bakery business located on the first floor.

Second story has been re-done and the Vestal Museum director's office is now located there.

- Jones Roth Farmstead

Local Landmark sign has not yet been installed.

- Rounds House 301 N. Main Street, Vestal, New York

Most of the information concerning 301 N. Main Street has been through e-mails between J. Adams (SHPO), S. Bullough (SHPO), property owner D. Muench and Commission member N. Versaggi. A synopsis appears here in the minutes.

The review of the application for tax credit is ongoing. Parts 1 and 2 have been divided between J. Finelli and S. Burroughs of SHPO. In question was installation of the new roof. Burroughs indicated, although the application has not been forwarded to the National Park Service, the roof may be installed. However, the owner was told the chimney was not a significant asset and may be removed. The Commission does not agree to the removal of the chimney as it is original to the architect Lacey's design.

Further discussion is needed with the owner to retain the element of the chimney.

- African Road markers

Pomeroy Foundation requested more documentation and revisions for the suggested texts. M. Hadsell provided all paperwork requested. No response to date from the Pomeroy Foundation.

New Business

- Drover's Inn (Trail Side Inn)

New Owner, J. Post, wishes to turn Drover's Inn into a "boutique" inn. She has requested extension of the patio area to have outdoor dining.

Vestal Code Dept. received plans from J. Post with modifications to the building. One example, replacing a window with a door. N. Versaggi and M. Hadsell met with L. Ellis of Vestal Code to look over the plans.

The Commission does not agree with the window being replaced by a door. The second story of Drover's is not an extension and no major changes can be made to the exterior of the building as it is a National Register structure.

A list of concerns about impacts to the structure will be sent to the Code Dept.

Next meeting will be July 21, 2021