

# Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes: August 15,2022

In Attendance: N. Versaggi, M. Hadsell, P. Deeley and M. L. Supa

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

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## **Old Business**

### **Depot/Museum**

The move of the Depot to Vestal Rail Trail is proposed for Spring 2023. The Vestal Historic Society has begun packing the museum's artifacts for the move. The Commission will ask the Town Engineer for updated design plans for our review and approval.

### **301 N. Main Street Historic Rounds House**

N. Versaggi and M. Hadsell attended the Town of Vestal work session on July 11, 2022. The Board agreed to have the Commission work with the Town Attorney to write a letter to the owner that addresses the needed repairs for the Rounds House.

On July 14, 2022, N. Versaggi received communication from the contractor (hired by owner), stating work would begin in August. Roof and chimney repair will be addressed first with the balance of work to be completed afterwards. The Commission will have the Town Attorney hold on issuing the letter and will check on work progress in August.

### **Lustrons on Vestal Parkway**

The status of the two Lustron houses is in question. Unsure if they are for sale or being repaired. The Commission will check to see if repairs are being done.

### **Bicentennial of Vestal**

12 major events throughout 2023 are being proposed for the celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Vestal. Schools and service organizations are being asked to participate. The goal is to have many events happening all year long. A marker will be placed along N. Main Street in the original area of stores and the fire department. A tour of historic homes is being discussed along with a presentation of Castle Gardens history.

## **New Business**

### **Vacancy on Commission**

Vestal resident, Brian Weisse, has expressed an interest in applying for this opening on the Vestal Historic Preservation Commission. The Commission will forward his resume to the Vestal Human Resources Office and the Town Board for their approval.

### **Historic Marker**

A Vestal resident contacted M. Hadsell and expressed interest in getting a historic marker for the Fairbrother family, early residents of Vestal. Initial research shows the earliest deed for the family is 1828. More work will be done to determine if this is a competitive Pomeroy Foundation candidate.

### **Rivercrest**

The Rivercrest property is currently owned by the Matthews Group and will be donated to the Town of Vestal after plans are approved by the Town and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Due to the destruction of houses, the historic designation is no longer applicable. However, the Chenango Canal Extension remains and must be protected. SHPO has not requested any archaeological work due to the demolition of the homes and believes there is a limited impact on the canal. Nonetheless, the piers of the bridges do impact the prism of the canal. Final plans for the proposed walkway and bridges need to be reviewed by SHPO and the Commission.

Next meeting September 19, 2022.