

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting December 17, 2018

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm

Please note, the discussion of the Rounds house/Muench building has developed to include an addition to the structure in order to accommodate more office space. This is due to a decision by the current owner, communicated to the Commission, via e-mail on Nov. 26, 2018. Owner, Dr. David Muench, has chosen professional engineer Brian Doak to design the addition. Mr. Doak attended this meeting for review of the design.

The discussion began by reviewing the National Park Service tech brief for additions made to National Register buildings (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/14-exterior-additions.htm>). N. Versaggi highlighted the brief as follows:

- A. Preserve the historic character
- B. Differentiate the old from the new, but remain compatible
- C. If addition is removed in the future, the original structure should be evident
- D. Addition is smaller and located for the least amount of damage
- E. Protect visual features
- F. A notch between the original and new should be apparent to preserve the original wall and clearly indicate the addition.

Mr. Doak presented two designs for consideration, a single story flat roof and a two story with a turret which mirrors the original turret on the opposite side. The Commission favored the single story addition, but emphasized that the addition needs to have a “notch” between the original structure and addition. Mr. Doak agreed to modify the design. He will review the new design with the owner and subsequently present to the Commission. Upon review, the Commission will then send to SHPO for their confirmation to proceed.

Concern by the Commission was raised for the repairs to the roof and chimney, however, this is a separate issue from the construction of the addition.

New Business

Letter of intent for historic markers for Chenango Canal is due February 2019.

Next meeting scheduled for January 21, 2019.

