

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Monday, February 13, 2017

Attendees: M. Hadsell, N. Versaggi, ML Supa

Absent: P. Deeley, B. Weisse

Meeting called to order at 5:08pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Old Business:

- Small Oval Historical Marker Pattern – No update or response to Margaret’s e-mail to Catskill Castings. (Addendum – on Tuesday, Feb. 14, Margaret received e-mail from Catskill Castings stating completion of design along with photo of final design.)
- Paul was not in attendance for update concerning removable steps in Vestal Museum. Nina will e-mail Paul to see if he can schedule an appointment with Museum personnel or if he would prefer another individual who would be able to meet during the work week.
- Jones-Roth SR/NR Application – No further information from Kathleen LaFrank due to LaFrank’s work schedule. Margaret will follow up in spring to complete the nomination process.
- William G. Pomeroy Historical Markers for 2017 – Application process begins Feb. 3 and Letters of Intent due by March 13, 2017. Properties considered include: Paint Factory, Black Smith Shop, Ross/Harrington houses, Alfred Rounds House, First School House, Ross’ Saw Mill, Dewey’s Grist Mill at 748 Front St., Clark’s Tannery, SE Corner of Pierce Hill & S. Main and Willis Cemetery on Vestal Road. The commission decided to sponsor the following properties: 1) Dewey’s Grist Mill – Strong candidate for nomination as all background and deed research has been completed. 2) Clark’s Tannery – The site is located in an area of commerce and the marker would be easily seen by the community. 3) Willis Cemetery – Family cemetery of John Willis, early settler of Vestal 1803.
- Lustron House update – This topic moved into New Business

New Business:

- Preserve New York Grant Workshop – Nina cited minutes e-mailed to commission members for summary of workshop.
- Lustron House on Parkway – In the past, the owner of the Lustron House had offered the structure for free as long as the house was removed from the property. Vestal Historical Society was notified as a possibility for their headquarters. Margaret contacted the Parks Dept. to inquire of available property. Parks Dept. shifted inquiry to Supervisor’s office. No response about available land. Long discussion about moving structure, referencing

Rounds Coal Building move to Rail Trail and a previous discussion of moving Train Station/Museum to trail. Without any conclusions to possibility of moving the Lustron House, the commission concurred to wait for owner to file a Certificate of Appropriateness and follow procedure of review.

- Commission will give priority to nominate Clay Ave. Lustron House to National Register and request Kathleen LaFrank's input on application. Nina will contact Preservation League for assistance as they created a multi-listing of Lustron houses in NY State in 2006.
- New Local Designations – Harpur College buildings will be considered next.
- Annual Report – Due Feb. 28. Reviewed form step by step. Margaret to confirm a few numbers. Other than that, the report for Oct. 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2016 has been completed.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2017 at 5:00pm.