

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes: June 20,2022

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

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Old Business

Vestal Museum / Depot move to Vestal Rail Trail

Ongoing discussion of reconfiguring the stairs of the Depot to comply with Vestal Town code. Original design from the architectural firm would have destroyed too much of interior space (original baggage room). An alternate design by commission member P. Deeley, allows for stairs to conform to code and comply with ADA stipulations, without any harm to the interior. The design was accepted by Town's architect, engineers and code department.

Proposed changes to baggage doors and removal of chimney remain an issue for discussion. VHPC insists baggage doors remain in situ along with the chimney.

VHPC will request that the Town update the Commission with any and all design alterations concerning the Depot.

Question of whether a CofA would be needed for the Depot move and changes made to the structure. In lieu of CofA, the Commission will make the final decisions on all plans for the Museum/Depot and a letter of final acceptance will be issued.

As of this date, June 20, 2022, no final plans have been made.

The Town has proposed the move of the Depot will take place in Spring 2023.

Historic Rounds House 301 N. Main Street

Vestal Commission has remained updated on the condition of the house at 301 N. Main Street. In August 2021, tax credits were approved by the NY State Historic Preservation Office. By February 2022, the Commission notified the owner that if repair work did not begin by May 15, 2022, then notification to the Town Supervisor, Code Dept. and Town Attorney would be made. May 15th deadline was missed and a letter to the town attorney was written May 25, 2022. The Commission will send representatives to the July Town Board work session to update the members of the Board and request legal assistance.

African Road Marker

To date, the markers have not been installed. M. Hadsell will make an inquiry to the Highway Dept. as to date of installation.

New Business

Bicentennial of Vestal

2023 will mark the bicentennial of the incorporation of Vestal. Plans for the celebration have begun. A tour of historic structures has been proposed either as a self-guided tour or trolley tour through Vestal.

The Commission will assist with a Pomeroy Marker application for the Bicentennial.

The Commission will consider whether new historic plaques should be awarded.

Member Resignation

A. Jablonski has formally resigned from the Commission. N. Olmstead of Vestal Human Resources will be notified of the resignation.

A search for a new Commission member will commence.

Next meeting July 18, 2022