

# Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting May 21, 2018

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

Absent: P. Deeley, A. Jablonski

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

## **Announcements:**

- Moving of Vestal Museum Depot:  
A location for the Depot along the Rail Trail in Vestal has been chosen. The campaign to raise funds to cover the cost of moving continues. More publicity is needed to assist in the effort for a successful relocation.
- An HGTV special on May 22 at 10:30 pm highlighted the work of Ike and Julie Lovelass in Owego, NY. They have purchased a house in the historic district of Owego and are renovating the building to be an inn. Ike is the son of Les Lovelass, a long time member of the Vestal Historic Society. This is a great example of historic preservation and economic development.

## **Old Business:**

- Jones Roth Property SR/NR update:  
Eric Bare has provided scaled floor plans of the lower and first floors of the barn on the Jones property. Additional drawings will be needed for the granary and footprints of former and current structures on the entire farmstead. Drafted maps will be included in the National Register nomination package.

## **New Business:**

- The Commission ordered eight plaques for the local landmark designation. Costs were \$115 per plaque (includes shipping). The Commission discussed what properties would be selected to receive these plaques this year. The Lustron House on Clay Avenue will be the probable first property followed by the Rounds Coal House on the Rail Trail.

- William G. Pomeroy Foundation has a new initiative “Legends and Lore”, to commemorate folk lore within the communities of New York State with the awarding of roadside plaques. Although there are unusual events in Vestal history that have occurred, no “folk lore” stories were recalled. Research needs to be done with the Jesuit and missionary works in the area and a story of Way-Way, a Native American maiden, living in the Chugnutt settlement. The commission will continue to search for stories that may fall into the guidelines for the legends project.
- The Commission discussed the next round of properties to be considered for local historic designations. Once these are determined, they will be presented to the Town Board prior to finalizing the designations.

Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2018