

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2016

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

Absent: P. Deeley, B. Weisse

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

Old Business:

- Small Oval Historical Marker Pattern - Pattern was ordered in June 2016. Catskill Castings will be creating the marker pattern at a cost of \$750..
- Removable Steps for Museum – No report at this time. The Commission will seek other input to complete this project.
- HR Ad for Commission Members – Nancy Olmstead Berger informed Margaret that an advertisement in the Vestal publication, the "Town Crier," will be asking for community members interested in participating on various Vestal committees. The Vestal Historic Preservation Commission has full membership (5 members). If additional people are interested we will gather their names for any future openings.
- Rivercrest – an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) was submitted to the Town by Northstar. The Commission reviewed the form. All appropriate cultural resource and National Register boxes were checked in the affirmative for the presence of these sensitive historic and archaeological resources.

New Business:

- Jones-Roth SR/NR Application - Sandy Roth, daughter of former Vestal supervisor Leland Jones, is interested in nominating her family property for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The property was inventoried in the 2011 Historic Resource Inventory for the Town of Vestal. The barn and granary on the property were built in the mid-1800's (the house may have an earlier construction date). The barn and granary have retained a high degree of integrity, but the house has lost some integrity. Ms. Roth is working with SHPO (Kathleen LaFrank) and historic barn expert (Randy Crawford) to make sure renovations are compatible with the historic structures. SHPO requested additional photographs and other supporting historic documents in order to determine if a nomination to the NR is feasible. Ms. Roth is working with local attorney, Eric Bare, and Town Historian, Margaret Hadsell, to provide the documents. Ms. Hadsell took the photographs and is collecting additional documentation to support the nomination. These will be delivered to Ms. LaFrank at SHPO for her review and comment.
- Annual Report – The annual report is due in December. Information for the report will be collected and organized in November so the report will be completed on schedule.

- Weston Artifact Collection – A descendant of Revolutionary War veteran William Weston brought prehistoric artifacts to the Town Historian’s office for identification. The collection is from the Castle Gardens area and belonged to his grandfather. Photographs of the collection were shared with Commission members, and Nina Versaggi identified as many as she could from the images. The intent is that the artifacts not be sold.

Next Meeting

- Monday, November 14, 2016 at 5:30 pm.