

# Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting September 11, 2017

Attendees: N. Versaggi, M. Hadsell, P. Deeley, M.L. Supa

Absent: B. Weisse

Meeting called to order at 5:08pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm

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- **Announcements:**

Brian Weisse has informed the Commission that he has resigned from the committee. A letter of resignation to the Town Of Vestal will be needed. The Commission has sent out an announcement seeking candidates with an interest in local history/public history to fill the vacancy.

- **New Business:**

- Renovations to Muench Building (Rounds House)**

A letter from the Commission, dated 09/07/2017, was sent to Dr. Muench and contractor Peter Walsh, inviting them to the 09/11/17 meeting to discuss the plans to renovate the office at 301 N. Main Street in Vestal. Dr. Muench and Mr. Walsh did not attend. The Commission discussed restoration practices proposed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). SHPO follows the guidelines of the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service. A Technical Brief issued by this federal agency concluded that it is a priority to repair elements on a historic structure with like materials rather than replace. M. Hadsell presented examples of wood repair that would be acceptable and more cost effective and efficient than vinyl materials.

It was noted by Lincoln Ellis, of the Vestal Town Code Enforcement office, that a building permit had been requested for the property at 301 N. Main St on 09/08/17. However, a Certificate of Appropriateness must first be

submitted and approved by the VHPC before the permit is given. At this time, a CofA has not yet been received.

The Commission strongly supports historical restoration on all National Register and local landmark properties in the Town and will assist Dr. Muench and Mr. Walsh with information and consultation to assist in the preservation of 301 N. Main St.

- **Change in Meeting Day**

A proposal was raised to meet on the third Monday of every month rather than the second Monday. This time change will be considered by all members.

**Old Business:**

- **Jones-Roth SR/NR Application**

The Commission will be given a tour of the Jones-Roth farmstead on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 3:00pm as part of the preparation for nomination to state and national registries.

- **Local designation of Harpur College:**

The Commission discussed what buildings on the Binghamton University campus would be considered to be significant for nomination. A historic district was suggested to include all the buildings that were part of the original plan for Harpur College .

**Next Meeting:** October 9, 2017 at 5:00pm