

# Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes: September 19, 2022

In Attendance: N. Versaggi, M. Hadsell, P. Deeley and M. L. Supa; B. Weisse (via Zoom)

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm

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## **Old Business**

### **Depot/Museum**

Discussion by the Commission of the Depot move to the Rail Trail will be paused. The architect for the relocation project is revising the design plans to address the concerns of the Commission. The Commission wishes to have the Depot retain its eligibility status for National Register.

The revised design plans will be sent to the Commission by the end of October 2022.

### **Rivercrest**

The former location of the historic neighborhood known as Rivercrest, will be renamed “River’s Edge Park”. A walking trail has been proposed along the towpath of the Chenango Canal Extension. SHPO has not requested any archaeological work for the area of Rivercrest due to the perceived limited impact on the canal, however, a town official from Vestal’s Engineering Department believes there should be a monitor on site during the construction. The Commission concurs. Currently, the design plans for the pedestrian bridges do impact the prism of the canal. Architect, P. Deeley, suggested the bridges could be lengthened and therefore, not impact the prism. Final plans for the proposed walkway and bridges need to be reviewed by the state and the Commission. N. Versaggi will follow up with MATCO (current owner of Rivercrest) and the Town of Vestal about the bridges.

### **301 N. Main Street Historic Rounds House**

The chimney has been repaired as of the end of August 2022. N. Versaggi received an e-mail from the contractor (9/19/22), informing her that the roof replacement will begin October 15, 2022.

The majority of the Commission wishes to make a concerted effort to confirm that all the repair work to 301 N. Main Street will be completed by the end of the year 2022. A discussion continued as to the ramifications and next steps to take if the work is not completed by the proposed timeline.

### **Lustrons on Vestal Parkway**

It appears, through observation by members of the Commission, that one of the houses is inhabited and the other is currently having work done. The Commission will make note of the progress of work.

### **Bicentennial of Vestal**

12 major events throughout 2023 are being proposed for the celebration of 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Vestal. Schools and service organizations are being asked to participate. The Town will be responsible for the publicity of the events. A self- guided tour of historic structures and markers has been proposed. B. Weisse has volunteered to work on the brochure.

### **African Road Historic Markers**

The promised installation of the two William A. Pomeroy historic markers along African Road has been delayed. The Highway Department is unable to locate the signs that were delivered to their office.

### **Lustron House on Clay Avenue**

The owners of the Clay Avenue Lustron house are interested in having the house nominated to the National Register. Background information, exterior and interior photos and floor plans are just a few items that would need to be gathered for the process of nomination. The hiring of an outside source to complete the work was suggested. Further discussion will continue in future meetings.

Next meeting October 17, 2022.