

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting August 14, 2017

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

Absent: P. Deeley, B. Weisse

Guests: P. Walsh, M. O'Donovan, E. Bare

Meeting called to order at 5:04pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

- **Announcements:**

No announcements at this time

- **New Business:**

Renovations to Muench Building

Peter Walsh, hired contractor for Dr. David Meunch of Meunch Building, discussed proposed renovations on the former Rounds House (NRL) that will make it “maintenance free”. Current plans by contractor call for removal of all exterior elements, from original siding and clapboard to original balustrade and columns. All will be replaced by vinyl or composite material. The commission asked if the owner, Meunch, will be asking for tax credits. If so, SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) will not agree to removal of original materials. The Commission is concerned about the use of new materials and how it will significantly change the integrity of the historic home. The contractor stated that there is no match for the balustrade, therefore, the rail and railings would be replaced. The Commission noted that all changes must be reversible in order for a future owner to revert the building to original form. Some changes to second level deck need to go through Vestal code. Time frame for construction is pending for this coming Fall with interior work to be done during winter months. The Commission has asked Walsh to discuss with owner if he is applying for tax credits and to

supply a list of materials, samples and detail of changes. Walsh agreed and will e-mail the information to M. Hadsell. The Commission will adhere to the guidelines set forth by the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places.

- **Old Business:**

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

- Guests M. O'Donovan and E. Bare joined the Commission for this portion of the discussion. They will be assisting in the nomination process for State and National recognition of the Roth property.

- Owner of the Jones-Roth farmstead, Sandy Jones Roth is in full support of a State and National Register nomination for the homestead. It includes the house, barn, chicken coop and granary. The farmstead has remained in the family for over 150 years. The barn was constructed c.1850's with some changes (replacement of roof and removal of a section of the barn according to a newspaper article). The granary is original and the chicken coop is newer. Original horse block has fallen over and merely needs to be moved back into original position. The building locations have remained according to original layout of farmstead.

- To prepare the nomination, full historic background research with descriptive narrative and supporting illustrations will be needed. Full participation from commission members will be needed to complete the nomination paperwork for SHPO's review.

- M. Hadsell has folders and photographs on the Jones-Roth farm and will provide all background information on file. A CD of photos will be created and shared with members.

- Tour of the farm and land to be scheduled in near future.

- **Local designation of Harpur College:**

- No further work completed on local designations for Harpur College.

- **Historic Markers**

Funding needed to produce oval markers for local historic designations.
Possible funding through Vestal Historic Society through one of their fundraisers.

- **Lustron Houses**

Commission would like to have funding in place before starting process of nomination for Vestal Lustron House.

Next Meeting: Monday September 11, 2017 at 5:00pm