

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes: November 16, 2020 Meeting

In Attendance: N. Versaggi, M. Hadsell, A. Jablonski, P. Deeley and M. L. Supa

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Please note that this meeting was held via ZOOM due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Jones-Roth Farmstead Local designation

A public hearing is needed as part of the process for a local landmark designation. N. Versaggi asked James Finelli, of the New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, about the logistics of a public hearing during the current pandemic. He responded, “under the current executive order modifying the open meetings law [that] a CLG can use a Zoom meeting to designate landmarks.”

The Commission discussed the public meeting, presentation of documentation, a way to record the meeting and incorporate all comments. A possible platform to use to announce the meeting would be Google Form. The Commission will inquire from the Town of Vestal if another site should be used. There needs to be a way to have interested parties RSVP with name and e-mail address. Further consideration is needed by the Commission.

Blue Lustron House Vestal Parkway

It appears that work may be occurring at the Blue Lustron house. There has been no CofA filed at the Town office. Unsure if this is a temporary opening for interior work. A Commission member will need to drive by the address to ascertain if work is being done.

No updates on the Mersereau House, LaTourette House or Drover’s Inn

Clay Street Lustron House

M. Hadsell and A. Jablonski have a draft of the application. More details from the interior are needed, such as current floor and wall treatments. The attached breezeway to the garage, although not original, should be of little consequence to the National Registration due to its minimal impact on the structure.

M. Hadsell has photographs of the neighboring houses. Exterior photos from elevations and interior photos will need to be taken.

Alfred Rounds House (Glenwood and Jones Roads)

Application for a William G. Pomeroy marker to be made in February 2021. Possible local landmark designation in 2021.

African Road Markers

Two markers from William G. Pomeroy for African Road will be requested from the Foundation. Letter of intent is due in March 2021 with the application completed by April. Possible locations for the signs are near the park on African Road and near Arnold Park in the area of original homes.

Coal House Vestal Rail Trail

The New York State Historic Preservation Office will be contacted by Vestal Museum members to inquire if the proposed concrete pad next to the Museum/Depot (future home on the Rail Trail) will affect a National Registration.

In an original photo of the Depot, a storage building is visible. There is a proposal for the possibility of placing a boxcar on a section of track to be used as storage.

2020 Annual Report

No update at this time.

The scheduled meeting for December 21, 2020 has been cancelled.

The next scheduled meeting is tentatively planned for January 18, 2021.