

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting November 20, 2017

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

Absent: P. Deeley

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm

Announcements:

- Alex Jablonski was welcomed for his interest in becoming a member of the Commission and introduced to the mission of the Vestal Historic Preservation Commission.

New Business:

- Muench Building Renovations to Exterior

It was brought to the attention of the Commission that the construction of the deck and stairwell, to allow egress from the second story, had gone beyond the profile of the building and appears to be larger than the plans presented and agreed to at the Oct. 9, 2017 meeting. The Commission reviewed the plans presented by Peter Walsh at the October 9th meeting. A current photograph of the construction site shows the proposed deck to go beyond the original footprint. The approved CofA (October 11, 2017) was for the plans submitted and any change or alteration would need to have a separate CofA application. The photo, along with the copy of the plans, will be sent to Lincoln Ellis, Vestal Town Code, stating what is being constructed is not what the Commission approved. Question from Commission, does Code need the deck to be larger?

Overview of the Commission as an introduction to Alex Jablonski

- The Commission reviewed the current topics of discussion and summarized the mission of the VHPC in two parts. First, to identify and celebrate the historic structures in the Town of Vestal and second, to oversee regulatory issues for property owners in Vestal.

- Discussion of the Jones - Roth State and National Register application and further work that needs to be done for the process to go forward.
- The Commission's authority to designate local landmarks. The original section of Binghamton University (known as "the Brain") is being considered as a historic district with possible Pomeroy landmark sign or local landmark designation.
- William G. Pomeroy Foundation Historic Plaques. The Foundation provides an opportunity, through roadside plaques, to commemorate the people and places that play a role in the history of its region. The Commission has been responsible for 14 Pomeroy plaques designating its members of the community and places of business that contributed to the growth of the town.

Next meeting scheduled for January 15, 2018 at 5:30pm