

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes: October 19, 2020 Meeting

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

In Absence: A. Jablonski

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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

Old Business

301 N. Main Street (Rounds House)

The Commission will wait until March 2021 before sending another inquiry to the owner requesting information about the repairs.

Rivercrest Properties (Vestal Parkway)

The property has been placed under the care of the Town of Vestal Parks and Highway Department. None of the proposed changes to the land parcel has been made at this time.

Jones Roth Farmstead

M. Hadsell called the foundry that creates the William G. Pomeroy plaques and was told that shipment was made in September. The sign will be installed by the Town of Vestal Highway Department.

The family would like the Commission to continue its work on designating the farmstead as a local landmark. Due to COVID-19, inquiry about written comments in lieu of a public hearing about the designation will be made to the State Preservation Office.

Blue Lustron House Vestal Parkway

No further contact with new owner (sale may be pending)

Mersereau House Vestal Road

The house, which has been turned into multiple apartments, remains for sale.

The LaTourette House Castle Gardens

The house remains on the market.

African Road Markers

M. Hadsell will contact the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to request information about how to mark old African Road and new African Road. She will send maps along with questions and possible sign placements.

Alfred Rounds House Glenwood Road

The Commission will submit an application for a William G. Pomeroy marker in February 2021.

New Business

Coal House/Museum on Vestal Rail Trail

In the Town of Vestal work session, the Town discussed using the Coal House as a possible office space for a Town employee.

Concern about potential flooding on the Rail Trail has placed the proposed construction of a walk out lower level for the Museum on hold. The discussion has turned to constructing a concrete pad near or next to the Museum for public activities and a storage unit. A state representative from SHPO has requested a plan for location and size.

When the Museum/Depot is moved closer to the former railroad bed, it may be eligible for a National Register designation.

The historian in Painted Post has requested assistance from Vestal, in the form of a copy of the Vestal application, as Painted Post has a Depot that is eligible for national designation.

Next meeting scheduled for November 16, 2020.