

Minutes of the Town of Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

11 April 2011

Attendees: Margaret Hadsell, Janice Mangan, Jeffery Smith

Absent: Susan Halpern, Nina Versaggi

The meeting of the Commission was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chairperson J. Smith.

Old Business

- **Rounds Cemetery Update** – J. Mangan reported that the Vestal Historical Society is planning to help gather and transport rocks to the cemetery site. Stone mason, Ken Ely has offered to instruct anyone interested in the proper technique for building a stone wall. If members of the VHS want to help build the wall, he will supervise their work. We discussed charging “student” a \$5.00 fee as a way to help finance the project.

M. Hadsell is working with SHPO to place this cemetery on the State & National Register.

- **Historic Resource Survey & Grant Award** – M. Hadsell reported that she is working with Jessie Ravage to provide information and maps. J. Mangan is researching background information on the subdivisions. M. Hadsell has provided J. Ravage with a table identifying the subdivisions, dates of construction, and streets involved. She will meet with J. Ravage on April 15th to observe the survey process.
- **Rivercrest Position** – The commission issued a position document that was reviewed by Tania Werbizky, Kathleen LaFrank of SHPO, and Julian Adams of SHPO. The final document with cover letter was delivered to the Vestal Town Board and Town attorney. No response has been received or conveyed by the Town Board as of the date of this meeting.

New Business

- **Certified Local Government Status** - Supervisor Andreasen received a letter dated March 4 2011 from the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior notifying the Town that they have certified the Town as a Certified Local Government under the provision of Section 101(c) of the National Historic Preservation Act. Training at the 11 May meeting will be provided by Julian Adams from SHPO.
- **New York State Heritage Weekend** – M. Hadsell reported that the Susquehanna Heritage Area (SHA) will be participating in this state-wide event on Saturday, May 14th. The Vestal Museum with an exhibit of the Vestal School District's 75th Anniversary will be one of the venues. Lora Zier of Broome County Planning is providing all forms of publicity. M. Hadsell will take photos at the Museum on the 14th.
- **Historic Markers** – The commission is gathering information from two highly recommended manufacturers of historic markers in preparation for writing a grant to pay for standard NYS Markers and smaller markers to recognize the locally designated properties within the community that do not qualify for the State or National Registers. The information will be reviewed at the May 9th meeting. J. Smith will get signage company info used by OHPC.
- **Upcoming Events - Livable Communities Alliance** Creating a Framework for Regional Prosperity: A Livable Communities & Smart Growth Symposium will be held in

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Binghamton on 19 May 2011. **Code Green Workshop** which is a joint venture between NYSERDA and PLNYS will be held at CCC in Elmira on August 18th and 19th.

- **PAST Letter of Support** – A letter was drafted in support of the PAST application to the City of Binghamton for a grant for public art installation.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Mangan, seconded by M. Hadsell. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday **May 9, 2011**, 7 p.m. at the Vestal Public Library.