

Minutes of the Town of Vestal Historic Preservation Commission

8 November 2010

Attendees: Margaret Hadsell, Janice Mangan, Susan Halpern

Absent: Jeffery Smith, Nina Versaggi

The meeting of the Commission was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Vice Chairperson M. Hadsell.

Old Business

- **Rivercrest Update** – S. Halpern reported that the judge won't be able to handle the case for approximately two months. The Rivercrest Neighborhood Association is concerned about the four homes going through another winter without heat. M. Hadsell will speak with P. Andreasen and S. Halpern will look into the \$ offers made by potential buyers.
- **Future Rivercrest Development – SHPO/DEC** – The documents provided by N. Versaggi were reviewed. In brief they show that development on the properties would impact the canal in some way. The canal may even be a designated wetlands and perhaps a navigable waterway. Although not on the NR, the Rivercrest properties and the canal are listed as contributing elements to its eligibility for the NR. Additional information on this topic is available from the Commission.
- **Certificate of Appropriateness Process Update** – The Process, revised to include Commission comments, and an updated Certificate of Appropriateness Application are available from the Commission web pages. Copies of a package containing the Ordinance, Process, and Application have been distributed to Code, Engineering, Planning, Town Clerk, and the Town Board.
- **Vestal's CLG Request** – Supporting documentation has been prepared to accompany the letter to SHPO from Supervisor Andreasen.
- **Rounds Fence Update** – The owner told J. Mangan the fence would be listed on Craig's List. After monitoring the list for several days, she contacted the owner with an offer but received a response that the fence had been sold. She will continue to monitor the situation in case the buyer backs out. The style of the fence is designated as either "Hoop and spear" or "Hairpin and spear".
- **Rounds Cemetery** – J. Mangan had no new information. M. Hadsell sent an email to SHPO regarding whether the cemetery qualifies for the SR and NR. She also asked for restoration dos & don'ts to protect its potential eligibility. K. LaFrank will respond ASAP.

New Business

- **Historic Resource Survey** – The grant from Preserve New York will be presented to the town on Wednesday, November 17 at the Town Board Meeting.
- **Vestal High School Auditorium and Exterior Renovations** – The project to restore the auditorium of this NR listed building has been tabled due to economic conditions. The committee investigating the restoration will turn its attention to restoring exterior elements such as the light fixtures. The school district has replaced some of the deteriorating pilaster caps on the north elevation.
- **Council of the Arts Grant** – After a review, it was decided that signage for the Rail Trail would not qualify for this grant.

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- **SHA Battlefield Grant** – N. Versaggi is discussing the possibility of applying for this grant with her staff. The Clinton-Sullivan conflict with the Native Americans living at Chugnut may not be considered an official battle.

- **December 2010 and January 2011 Commission Meetings** – At this time the Commission has no pending actions. J. Mangan made the motion that unless the Commission receives a Certificate of Appropriateness requiring action or is requested to provide assistance, the December and January Commission meetings will be suspended. The motion was seconded by S. Halpern. Ayes: Mangan, Halpern, Hadsell.

During the two months, the Commission will continue to communicate through email.

Motion to adjourn made by S. Halpern, seconded by J. Mangan. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday **February 14th, 2011**, 7 p.m. at the Vestal Public Library.