

Vestal Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2014

Attendees: M. Hadsell, S. Halpern, J. Mangan, N. Versaggi

Old Business:

- Re-cap of Christina Capella Peters visit in June to conduct the State audit of the Vestal Historic Preservation Commission.

New Business:

- Drover's Inn handicap ramp. The owners asked the Commission for advice on renovations to their current handicap ramp. The ramp is rotted and needs to be replaced. Margaret stopped by and took some pictures. We will ask a consulting architect for guidance on what would be compatible with the Drover's architecture. The Commission will ask them to submit a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of the final design.
- The Commission bid farewell to long-time member, Susan Halpern, who is retiring from her job and leaving the area. The Commission expressed our thanks for her contributions over the years, wished her well in her retirement, and gave her a token of our appreciation.
- The name of a potential new member, Mary Lou Supa, was introduced for Commission consideration. Ms. Supa works at Binghamton University and is a direct descendent of John and Joshua Mersereau, who fought in the Revolutionary War, and settled in present-day Vestal in 1792. Members of the Mersereau family have served the Town of Vestal since the early 1800s as the first Town Clerk, postmaster, member of the New York State Assembly, and town supervisor. She wishes to continue service to Vestal on the Commission. The Commission asked for a full resume so her credentials could be presented to the Town Board for approval.

The next scheduled VHPC meeting is Monday, September 8, 2014.