

**Minutes of the Town of Vestal Historic Preservation Commission
November 10, 2014 Meeting**

Attendees: M. Hadsell, J. Mangan, M. Supa, N. Versaggi

Old Business:

- Drovers Handicap Ramp – work has not begun on this project.
- Rounds Historic Marker – a spelling error was found and corrected in the approved William G. Pomeroy copy sent to Catskill Castings.
- A letter was sent to Dr. Muench requesting a meeting to decide on the placement of the historic marker for the Rounds House.

New Business:

- Representing the VHPC, Nina Versaggi composed and sent a letter to Joe Dlugolenski at NYSDEC regarding the preservation of the Chenango Canal Extension behind the Rivercrest properties. Copies of the letter were sent to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), and Town officials.
- An application for a National Register Historic Marker was submitted to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for the 1939 Vestal Central School building. M. Hadsell will meet with the school and D. Ketcham and J. O’Hora regarding the placement of the sign as soon as the application is approved.
- Supervisor Schaffer has asked the Commission for guidance in the proper procedure for working with North Star, the owner of the majority of Rivercrest properties. Most of the buildings are in deteriorating condition and he would like them repaired or removed. The Commission has spoken with NYS OPRHP representatives who advise that the established process for the Town’s Historic Preservation Ordinance must be followed.
- The results of a June 2014 audit by Christine Capella Peters of the Vestal Historic Preservation Commission was received and reviewed. The State pointed out that the town needs to adhere to the preservation ordinance. It was suggested that the Commission members and new Town Board members participate in historic preservation training and that we apply for a CLG grant to underwrite the costs. The Commission has 120 days to respond with a plan for complying.
- The Commission discussed the open position of architect and possible candidates with the idea of filling the position by the beginning of 2015.

The next meeting of the VHPC is scheduled for January 12th at 7 p.m.