

## **Vestal Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of January 12, 2015**

Attending: M. Hadsell, M. L. Supa, N. Versaggi  
Guest: Erick Webb representing NorthStar LLC

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

### **New Business:**

NorthStar submission of 12 CofAs

- Erick Webb, property manager for NorthStar LLC, submitted 12 Certificates of Appropriateness requesting approval to demolish the buildings at 4721, 4717, 4713, 4705, 4681, 4677, 4673, 4669, 4665, and 4661 Vestal Parkway E. in the Rivercrest Historic District.
- In response to Mr. Webb's question, the Commission explained the steps in the process that would be followed.
  - We would issue a reply to these CofAs
  - If the reply was to deny them, he could submit a hardship appeal to the Commission
  - The Commission could approve or deny the hardship appeal.
  - If the Commission denied the hardship appeal, he could petition the Board of Appeals, the Town Board, to seek reversal of the Commission's decision.
- Mr. Webb left the meeting and the Commission discussed the applications to demolish the twelve (12) homes with regard to the Vestal Historic Preservation Ordinance and the New York State designation.
- Following discussion, the Commission was in agreement to deny the applications. A letter would be drafted and sent to NorthStar by registered mail.

### **Special Notation:**

On January 5<sup>th</sup> the VHPC presented to the Vestal Town Board the role of Vestal organizations involved in historic preservation. The process to be followed regarding the 12 CofA's submitted to the VHPC was explained and questions regarding the Chenango Canal Extension were answered. As requested by the Board, the VHPC provided information about the town's CLG status and the potential loss of our CLG status by demolishing the Rivercrest Historic District. A loss of our CLG status could affect future State and Federal grants for a variety of Town activities including road, water, and parks.

### **Old Business:**

Annual CLG Report & Response to CLG Audit

- Members were asked to review the materials in preparation for compiling our responses before the due dates.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2015.