

**Vestal Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Minutes of a SPECIAL MEETING**  
**January 19, 2015**

Attending: M. Hadsell, M. L. Supa, N. Versaggi  
Guest: Erick Webb, property manager for NorthStar LLC

This special meeting was held at the request of Town Supervisor John Schaffer. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to allow Erick Webb to present NorthStar's hardship appeal to the Commission.

**Rivercrest Hardship Appeal**

- Mr. Webb presented a letter responding to the possible hardship reasons as listed in the Town Ordinance.
- He was asked what the owner's intent was for the property and responded that he did not know.
- Mr. Webb asked the Commission whether the Certificates of Appropriateness included the remnants of the Chenango Canal Extension at the north along the Susquehanna. The answer was no, the CofA's are for demolition of the buildings only.
- The Commission discussed with Mr. Webb the historic significance of the Canal and its eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Webb asked if a portion of it could be filled in. The Commission responded that the Canal, as a National Register eligible site, would require DEC permits and possible review by the Army Corps of Engineers prior to any alterations.
- Mr. Webb asked about the next step in the process and it was explained that the Commission would respond with their decision by Wednesday, January 21, 2015. If the owner did not agree with the Commission's decision, they could request the opportunity to present their hardship case to the full Town Board who is the Board of Appeals.

Next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 9, 2015.