

TOWN OF VICTOR HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

PRESENT: Babette Huber, Sue Stehling, Katie Coyne, Bonnie Waters, Silvio Palermo, Ann Aldrich

EXCUSED: Michael Houser, Dianne Parks

GUESTS: Bob Kelly, Jason Shelton

Interviews were conducted to fill position vacated by resignation of John Palomaki.

Candidates: Bob Kelly, Jason Shelton

**BOB KELLY:**

- Resident of Victor since 1972, taught Social Studies eight years, worked at Mobile Chemical until retirement. Involved in several volunteer groups, strong interest in local history, has done programs on the geology of Victor and historical markers. Also does genealogical research for individuals.

**JASON SHELTON:**

- Former original member of Historic Advisory Committee. Strong interest in local history with focus on preservation of landmarks. An advocate of local history curriculum in schools.

Dianne Parks submitted her resignation as Chair of Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee and liaison to Historic Advisory Committee. Bonnie Waters expressed an interest in filling this vacancy, maintaining her position on the HAC as contributing liaison. This move creates two member vacancies on HAC, one to expire at the end of 2016, one to expire the end of 2018, both three year terms. The deadline for submission of applications is May 5<sup>th</sup>, thus no decision was made.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair Katie Coyne.

MINUTES: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016-motion to accept: Ann Aldrich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Stehling. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Fishers Ridge update: Final Environmental Impact Statement {FEIS} has been received and will be presented to the Planning Board on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Babette Huber, Historian has not reviewed it yet. A meeting is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss concept of an Interpretive Trail commemorating the important historic history of the site. Brian Emelson, Parks and Recreation Director, Peter Jemison, Ganondagan, the developer DiMarco, Katie Evans, Director of Planning and Zoning and Babette Huber, Historian, will attend.
- Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee update: dedication of Parks Family Cemetery, Rowley Road across from Parks Family Homestead [Cole and Parks Restaurant], will take place May 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM.
- Historian's Report: only one response for RFP for restoration of School Street pump house, so will have to be submitted again. Historic plaque presentation will be held June 22, 7 PM at Victor Town Hall. Six sites have been selected for this honor.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### COLE AND PARKS RESTAURANT [FORMERLY PARKS FAMILY HOMESTEAD]:

- Informal application to the Planning Board by Anthony and Danny Danielle to demolish this historic structure to erect a car wash / scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting. Members of the HAC are encouraged to attend.
- Babette has been asked to make a comment at said meeting. She will define the role of the HAC, will educate the Board and public on the historic value of the Parks Homestead as well as the restoration and upcoming dedication for the adjoining family cemetery. Also, a statement expressing the HAC's viewpoint on the possible demolition of the structure will be presented.
- An informational meeting regarding this project took place April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Present were the developers, Anthony and Danny Danielle, Babette Huber, Town Historian, Katie Coyne, Chair, HAC and Ann Aldrich, Vice Chair, HAC. A letter submitted to the Planning Board by Passero Associates, engineers, suggests that the HAC conceded that change to the property due to economic demands may be inevitable. This in no way reflects the opinion of the HAC Chair, Vice Chair, Ann Aldrich, Vice Chair and members. A letter of clarification has been sent to the Planning Board by Chair Katie Coyne, representing the HAC membership. The HAC suggest that the Danielle Brothers present their proposal to the entire committee at their June meeting. After this meeting the HAC will take into account the proposal and make a formal recommendation to the Planning Board.
- Silvio Palermo, Town Board liaison, spoke briefly, addressing the legal issues involved in regards to the town's viewpoint and position on this possible demolition.
- Possibility of moving the structure was discussed, cost and potential location factors to be considered as well as the emotional consideration of separating the home and the family cemetery.
- Historic Resource Inventory is in the process of being created, this document will, in no way protect our history, it will be used as a reference for future development and would serve as a guideline for a Preservation Code.
- We are stewards of this historic building and related cemetery, it is our duty and honor to educate the public of its importance.

### REPORT OF LIAISONS:

- Ann Aldrich, Liaison of Planning Board, attended recent Planning Board meeting:
  - Eastgate Square-empty building / Party City to occupy part of it.
  - Otto Tomatto-adding a patio
  - Ballerina Court / McMahan Road-Phase #2
  - Eastview Commons-new self storage units behind Home Depot.
  - Heritage Packaging-extension of time.
- Zoning-meeting was cancelled.

### OBSERVATIONS AROUND TOWN:

- More destruction of hill behind Tim Hortons / building next to it to accommodate expansion. Site is in Village of Victor.

The next meeting will be June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, 7 PM, Victor Town Hall. Danielle Brothers will be invited to discuss demolition of Parks Homestead [Cole and Parks] to construct a car wash.

Motion to adjourn: Ann Aldrich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Stehling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Minutes taken and submitted by Bonnie Waters.