

TOWN OF VICTOR HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

PRESENT: Babette Huber, Jason Shelton, Bob Kelly, Mike Houser, Sue Stehling, Katie Coyne, Silvio Palermo, Bonnie Waters.

EXCUSED: Ann Aldrich

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair; Katie Coyne.

Approval of August 3, 2016 Minutes: Motion to accept: Jason Shelton, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sue Stehling. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fishers Ridge update [Babette] The Draft FEIS has been received by the town. Babette has made several requests on behalf of the HAC to see the document, however, without success. Two workshops have been scheduled by the Planning Board for discussion. It is hoped that the HAC will be allowed to view the document before the workshop dates. They are scheduled for:
  - Sept 13, 5-7:30 PM, among discussion, traffic issues, sewer concerns.
  - Sept. 27, 5-7:30, among discussion, the historic impact of this development. Members of the HAC are requested to attend.
  - It was expressed by the committee that the history of the Denonville Trail [site of Fishers Rdge development]should be publicized as much as possible, education of the public. Bob Kelly will research the following ideas:
    - ✓ Programs educating the public about the battle site and significance of the event.
    - ✓ News articles-Sunday Daily Messenger
    - ✓ Bring back the monthly lecture series in 2017.
- Cemetery Preservation & Restoration Committee update-no meeting in August.
- Historian's Report for month of August-distributed and discussed. Historian worked 32 hours in August.
- Action Item-awareness of development along railroad corridor-Sue Stehling. Met with Bruce Habberfield of Finger Lakes Railway regarding the impact that Ferris Terrace development will have on existing railroad on site of development. In discussion is the possibility of eliminating a section of the railroad for possible underground parking garage. Future discussion planned. Also-Friends of the Railroad will hold their annual Rides with Santa on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Preservation Code-Cynthia Howk of Western New York Landmark Society is scheduled to speak to the committee at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Focus of her presentation will be comparison of Preservation Code vs. update of the town's Demolition Policy with possibility of an established moratorium on demolitions. Babette discussed the possibility of upgrade of the town's demolition policy with Supervisor Marren, he will consult the town's lawyer for legal input.

- Cemetery Preservation & Restoration Codification—a code has been written by the Historian to be included in Town of Victor Code Book as a subcommittee of the Historic Advisory Committee. Document was distributed to HAC for review and will be presented to Cemetery Committee at the September meeting for approval.

#### LIAISONS:

- Planning Board—Ann Aldrich attended recent PB meeting—discussion took place regarding construction of a cell tower on Brownsville Road and possible impact it would have on grave site of Peter Sale, early Victor pioneer. No significant impact.
- Zoning Board—no issues
- Conservation Board—site walk was conducted on Main St, Fishers, Babette requested clarification of site walk report as having archeological sensitive areas. Babette has requested that in the future Conservation Board notify her regarding any possible historic impacts.

#### OBSERVATIONS AROUND TOWN:

- Hang Around Victor Day is Saturday, Sept 10.
- A discussion of a sign that was posted on a tree on Rowley Road designating the site where Governor Thomas Dewey broke ground for the NY State Thruway. The tree / site of this historic event is located adjacent to the Parks Homestead [Cole and Parks] and across from the Parks Family Cemetery. As the sign is the property of the Victor Historical Society the committee has requested that consideration be given to mark the site / tree with a new sign. Babette will research the possibility, recent discussion regarding the demolition of the Parks Homestead and development of commercial property on the site highlights the importance of maintaining the history of the area before it is lost.
- Update of the mapping of historic sites in Victor—this would include location of designated structures, cemeteries, other sites of historic importance. Bob Kelly will check with the Planning Department for update on progress of this project.
- Sue Stehling questioned the use of the restored pump house on School Street as a restroom facility and felt that the historic site deserves more respect. The committee concurred and other options will be researched.

Date for next meeting: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Motion to adjourn: Jason Shelton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Kelly. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes taken by Bonnie Waters