

**Town of Victor  
Historic Advisory Committee  
Meeting Agenda for September 4, 2019**

**Members present:** Ann Aldrich, John Butler, Bonnie Waters,  
Sue Stehling, Bob Kelly, and Babette Huber (Historian-Advisor)

**Visitors Present:** Carolann Darling

**Call to order:** The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson, Ann Aldrich

**Approval of Minutes:** Sue Stehling moved to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2019 as amended; the motion was seconded by John Butler; the motion was approved

**Old Business:**

Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee – Bob Kelly reported that the woodchuck problem in the Old Village Cemetery still needs to be addressed. He will follow up with Jeff Rader for a status. The Cemetery Committee would like to place an historical marker to mark the spot of an abandoned cemetery in Fishers. Babette has contacted William Wright, Ontario County Public Works, for permission to erect a sign. She is waiting for a reply.

Historian’s report from July and August—presented by the historian, Babette Huber.

First Thursday Historic lecture series – Bob reported that Babette would be talking on Thursday, September 5, on Victor Insulators. The schedule for 2019-2020 is nearly complete. Joel Richter is speaking on October 3 on the railroads; Dan Krisher is speaking on November 7 on fossil history; Steve Straight is on March 5 on motorcycle racing, Preston Pierce is on April 2 on the building of the NYS Thruway; and the final lecture is at Valentown and about Valentown.

Review updated Goals and Action Items 2019 – One of our goals is to reach out to the Victor Historical Society to address ways we might assist them in their mission. Bob will send a condolence card to Harriet Neville’s husband at David Mitchell, 7 Medford Way, Victor, NY 14564.

**New Business:**

Information on code relating to additions and renovations to historic structures – Babette, with the support of Councilman Tantillo is proposing changes to the town codes to require that home-owners requesting modifications to high priority historical homes will need approval from the Architectural Review Board.

Updates on 7955 St. Rt. 251 – Historic cobblestone house in need of repairs; the owners have received a building permit to repair the porch and do some other repairs.

Victor Historical Society – The Victor Historical Society is addressing the concerns of the town code-enforcement officer. They are working from a list of approved contractors and will make the required fixes. The untimely death of the director has created delays.

**Liaisons Reports:**

Planning—Ann Aldrich reported that there was nothing before the Planning Board of historical significance

Zoning—John Butler and Sue Stehling both pointed out that the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals need to be stricter in controlling development around the historic Valentown Hall. They see the

New York Beer Project across from East View continuing to add parking places and encroach upon the historical nature of Valentown Museum.

**Observations around Town:** 34 West Main Street in the Village of Victor is the house next to Al's Barbershop. It has medium historical importance, the home of former druggist Cobb with gingerbread trim. The owners have sited mold and structural deterioration and have requested to demolish the structure to provide parking for apartments in the back of the lot. The request for demolition will come before the Victor Village Planning Board. The Village Revitalization committee will also be considering this in light of the general development of this area of Main Street.

**Announcements:** -- The Historic Lecture Series will continue with a talk by Babette on Thursday, September 5.

Displays on Locke Insulators are in the Town Hall and in the Village Hall.

Babette will lead a walking tour of Maple Avenue (the east side) on Thursday, September 19, at 10:15 a.m. meeting in the library.

Dr. Laura Lane, for whose family Lane Road is named, will be recognized as a VCS Graduate of Distinction for her pioneering medical research.

**Date for next meeting**—October 2, 2019

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Kelly; seconded by Sue Stehling; the motion carried