

**Town of Victor
Historic Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2019**

Members present: John Butler, Michael Hauser, Sue Stehling, Bob Kelly, and Babette Huber (Historian-Advisor)

Visitors Present: Carolann Darling, David Mitchell, Director of the Victor Historical Society, Catherine White

Call to order: The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Babette Huber

Approval of Minutes: Bob Kelly moved to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting; the motion was seconded by John Butler; the motion was approved

Old Business:

- a. Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee – Bob Kelly reported that Jeff Rader of Victor Parks and Rec is continuing to trap and remove woodchucks. The Cemetery Committee has received permission from William Wright, Ontario County Public Works to place an historical marker to mark an abandoned cemetery in Fishers. The committee has allocated \$1,194 for the marker.
- b. Historian’s report from September— Babette Huber noted the generous gift and a purchase of five oil paintings from Lois Bumpus of historical paintings and artifacts. Babette received a request for information about President Lincoln purchasing a team of horses from the VanCott family of Victor in 1861.
- c. First Thursday Historic lecture series – Bob Kelly reported that Joel Richter presented an excellent talk on Victor railroads that was attended by about fifty people. The next talk will be on the geology of Victor and Western New York.
- d. Review updated Goals and Action Items 2019 – if there is time, John Butler will write an article for the town newsletter summarizing the activities of the Historic Advisory Committee. Babette Huber is compiling a list of recipients of historical plaques.

New Business:

- a. Information on code relating to additions and renovations to historic structures – In order to encourage thoughtful consideration of our most historic homes, Babette has encouraged that the Architectural Review Board review building permits for remodeling of houses of high historic significance. The Town Board agrees in principle and now the attorney needs to formulate the wording for the code change.
- b. Updates on 7955 St. Rt. 251 – The repairs have begun on the porch. They are being done by the tenants at the house and the repairs have been slow but are continuing.

Liaisons Reports:

Planning—Sue Stehling reported that the developers and town are pushing to install sidewalks near Valentown Hall. These requirements may cut into property close to Valentown Hall. David Mitchell said that the Historical Society needs to further clarify with the town what is proposed.

Zoning—John Butler reported to activity of historical preservation impact.

Observations around Town: Lou Siciliano, the owner of the house at 34 West Main Street in the Village of Victor appeared before the Village Planning Board and requested a permit to demolish the house with no definite plans to rebuild. The request was tabled to receive feedback from the County Planning Board, to allow Kathy Rayburn to investigate possible grant opportunities and for the village to review how this fits with the Victor Main street Revitalization Plan.

Announcements: -- The Farmington Town Historian, Donna Hill-Herendeen has initiated a series of talks on the history of Farmington.

Date for next meeting—November 6, 2019

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