

**Town of Victor
Historic Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2025**

Members present: Ann Aldrich, Karen Spawton, Lisa Roberts, Michael Boester, Bob Kelly, Babette Huber (Historian-Advisor), Wilma Townsend (Assistant Historian)

Members Absent: John Butler,

Call to order: The Meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Ann Aldrich

Approval of Minutes: Bob Kelly made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for May 6, 2025. Michael Boester seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Old Business:

a. The Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee - Bob Kelly reported that Lenora Shields has resigned from the committee. Lenora was a senior at Victor Central School and has graduated. She has been a valuable asset to the Cemetery Committee. Babette recommended and Bob concurs that the work of the Cemetery Committee could be done by the Historic Advisory Committee. Therefore they recommend that the Town of Victor abolish the Victor Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee. Bob will ask the Cemetery Committee to pass a resolution at their next meeting asking to be dissolved. Issues still pending with the Cemetery Committee are the leaning monument, the involvement of the Victor Key Club in cleaning monuments in the fall, and an activity around the Explore Victor Fest on September 13, 2025.

b. Historian Update: Babette showed the Jan Szmanski painting that was donated. In addition collection of material about Proximity, a renowned race horse from Victor has been offered to the historian.

c. The 2024-2025 concluded with many good speakers and good attendance. It was proposed that we have the talks on the first Sunday of the month. If we were to do that, the talks would be on September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, April 5, and May 3. Babette will check to see if we can do an artist reception about the Erie Canal on October 5. Bob will check with the people at the Cobblestone Museum for a fall talk on cobblestone houses. Wilma will check with Ben Falter of the Ontario Historical Society to talk in the fall.

d. Barns Inventory: The Landmark Society has completed the barns survey for Victor. Babette and Lisa will work with them to offer the information in a better database format.

e. Interviewing Farm Families: The goal is to have the initial interviews completed by November 2025. Assignments are as follows:

Lisa - Joe Hurley at Kettle Ridge

Lisa - Blazey farm

Lisa - Duvall farm

Ann - Find pictures of the O’Niel’s

Ann - Benson farm

Karen - Ask Bob Green for pictures

Karen - Knickerbocker pictures

Babette - Boughton farm
John - Olney farm
Michael - Schoff's Sugar Shack
Bob - Barry farm
Bob - Apple farm

f. Fourth Grade field trip to Valentown was successful. The children enjoyed the old fashion games.

New Business:

a. Historic Plaques: Karen will review the list of buildings that have been awarded plaques and use the Ontario County tax map OnCor to determine whether the owners have changed and update the list appropriately.

Liaisons Reports:

Planning— No report
Zoning— No report

Announcements:

Observations around Town:

Carol McGinnis passed away. Her family has photos that need to be scanned and returned.

The Ontario Historical Society is hosting a tour of historical homes this weekend.

Motion to Adjourn: Bob Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Karen Spawton. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Date for next meeting—Monday, September 8, 2025 at 3:30.