

**Town of Victor
Historic Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2025**

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

Members Absent: John Butler, Karen Spawton

Call to order: The Meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. by Ann Aldrich

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

Old Business:

a. The Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee - Bob Kelly reported that the Cemetery Committee voted to request that the Town Council dissolve the Cemetery Committee and roll the responsibilities and funding of the committee back into the Historic Advisory Committee. Babette explained that this was not as simple as it seems and the Town Council would work out the details. In addition, the Cemetery Committee will participate in the Explore Victor Fest on September 13 with a scavenger hunt quiz about the cemetery. Volunteers are needed to work at the table. And, finally, Bob will connect with the Victor Central School Key Club to set up one or two Saturdays in the fall for Key Club members to clean monuments.

b. Historian Update: Wilma and Babette have printed out more copies of Frank Tischer's book to meet continual demand. Wilma is documenting a donation of material on Proximity, one of America's most successful horses in harness racing. Proximity was bred and raised here in Victor where Proximity Acres is located on the east side of Route 444.

c. Historic Lecture Series - Bob reported that the speakers for the fall season have been finalized. There will be a talk on Sunday, September 14, by Babette about the impact of the Erie Canal on this region. There will be an artist reception following the talk with a display of local artists with art work depicting the Erie Canal. Additional talks include Tim and Deb Smith, local authors, presenting "Royally Regaling Greater Rochester - Victor Vibe Version", on October 12, Douglas Farley from the Cobblestone Museum on November 9 presenting "Cobblestone Construction: An Upstate New York Phenomenon", and on December 14, Ben Falter from the Ontario County Historical Society will present "Roseland Remembered."

d. Barns Inventory: The Landmark Society has completed the barns survey for Victor. Babette and Lisa continue to work with the consultant to clean up the format and make it more usable.

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

Babette - Duvall farm (Babette has a connection who will speak with her)

Ann - Find pictures of the O'Neill'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 (Gerald Barry is reviewing the draft)
Bob - Apple farm (Bob will contact Munir Bahai)

- f. Erie Canal Art Work: Art work from local artist has been hung in the hallway of the Town Hall.

New Business:

- a. Historic Plaques: Karen has review the list of buildings that have been awarded plaques to identify changes in ownership. The vendor that supplied plaques is no longer in business and the cost of plaques is likely to rise substantially. Babette will continue to look for a new source.

Liaisons Reports:

Planning— No report
Zoning— No report

Announcements:

Observations around Town:

Tippett Reinson, the Victor Central School valedictorian incorporated the information about the history of Victor in his commencement address.

Motion to Adjourn: Bob Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michael Boester. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:25.

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