

**Town of Victor**  
**Historic Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2025**

**Members present:** Ann Aldrich, Lisa Roberts, Michael Boester, John Butler, Bob Kelly  
Babette Huber (Historian-Advisor)

**Guests:** Will Gianakakis, government student from Pittsford Sutherland

**Members Absent:** Karen Spawton

**Call to order:** The Meeting was called to order at 3:32 P.M. by Ann Aldrich

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob Kelly made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 8, 2025.  
John Butler seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- a. The Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee - Bob Kelly reported that the committee has been dissolved and has not met. However, the Victor Central School Key Club sent eight students to help clean monuments. They did a great job, as did Stefanie Hohmann, a woman from Irondequoit who has worked on several cemetery projects. Michael Boester will look into the use of GIS technology to map the Old Village Cemetery. Finally, it would be good to have more supplies for cleaning monuments. Bob will meet with Babette to procure cleaning supplies.
  
- b. Historian Update: A state consultant in records retention has recommended that records currently held in storage by the historian should be kept by the Historical Society or, in the case of court records, by the town courts. While Babette is willing to comply with state recommendations there is a practical consideration that the town historian has access to a climate controlled vault that is not available for other organizations. She will continue to adhere to state recommendations where practical. Also, with regard to records retention, the town historian has the genealogies prepared by the former Victor Genealogical Society. These need to be digitally copied and thinned of duplicates. Babette and Wilma will be contracting out the task of digitizing the cassette recordings of Preston Pierce's student interviews with WWII veterans.
  
- c. Historic Lecture Series - Bob reported that talk by Tim and Deb Smith attracted about twenty people. On November 9 Douglas Farley from the Cobblestone Museum will present "Set in Stone" and on November 9 and on December 14, Ben Falter from the Ontario County Historical Society will present "Roseland Remembered." Michael Boester has agreed to do a talk on cemeteries on June 7. We are still looking for speakers for April 12 and May 17. Fred Armstrong with "The End of the Line—Rochester's Subway" or check with Joel Richter whether Richard Palmer from Syracuse who wrote "The Handsomest Train in the World" about the Black Diamond. is doing lectures still and if Joel has heard him. Preston Pierce on WWI Veterans from Ontario County is another possibility.
  
- d. Interviewing Farm Families: We are still working to complete interviews. John and Ann will make a list of important farm families who no longer have descendants living in Victor. The 1904 map of Victor will serve to identify farming families of the past. Babette will post a list of farm families on the Facebook site "Things I Remember about Victor" to encourage participation from others interested in Victor history.

**New Business:**

- a. Meeting dates for the Historic Advisory Committee in 2026 are as follows: May 5, July 6, September 14, and November 2.
- b. Digitizing cassette tapes and microfilm: As part of the effort to clean up the vault and maintain our historic records in a usable format Babette and Wilma will be contracting to have old cassette tapes and microfilm to electronic format. These include cassettes that Preston Pierce's students created interviewing older relatives.
- c. Genealogy collection will be reviewed and digitized with hard copies held also.
- d. Demolition of 7432 Modock Road farm house: Babette recommends that this demolition can happen because the property is in poor condition and is not rated high among our historic locations.
- e. Proposed telecommunications facility/tower has been proposed for Aldrich Road. There are no neighboring properties that are of high historic importance.

**Liaisons Reports:**

Planning— No report

Zoning— No report

**Announcements:****Observations around Town:**

- a. 1301 East Victor Road - house was flooded and is in jeopardy of being demolished
- b. 6756 County Road 41/Boughton Hill Road - house is in poor shape and in jeopardy of being demolished
- c. Lisa observed that the house at 7732 Victor-Mendon Road is in disrepair

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

**Date for next meeting**—Monday, May 5, 2026 at 3:30.