



**Date: May 19, 2010**

**Re: Town of Marbletown Landmarks Historic Lyonsville Church**

The Lyonsville Reformed Church, a nineteenth century building in the hamlet of Lyonsville has been formally designated as an historic landmark in the Town of Marbletown.

Located on Lower Bone Hollow Road off of County Route 2, the Church's handsome wood frame structure dates from 1859 and is an example of the vernacular Greek Revival architectural style typical of that period. The building, now privately owned, continued to operate as a church into the 1990s. As a place of worship, baptism, and marriage for many notable citizens of Marbletown, the Church played an important role in the social and cultural evolution of the community over several generations.

The designation was approved by the Town Board at its May 18<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting immediately following the close of the public hearing; the last step in a process that began in March when an application for designation was accepted by the Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission. Once the application was accepted, the Commission researched the building, weighed the documentation against the established criteria for historic designation, held its own public hearing, and ultimately voted to recommend that the Town Board designate the property.

The landmark designation of the Church is the third such local designation since the adoption of the Marbletown Heritage Preservation law in 2007. The intention of the law is to protect and enhance landmarks within the Town which represent distinct elements of its historic, architectural and cultural heritage.

Other local landmarks in Marbletown include two historic houses on Main Street in Stone Ridge: the Cornelius E. Wyncoop House (ca. 1767) and Maple Lawn/Hasbrouck Blanchard House (1843) landmarked in 2008 and 2009 respectively.