

Town of Marbletown

Community Preservation Advisory Board

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Adam Liebowitz
Bryn Roshong

MINUTES

Community Preservation Advisory Board

February 8, 2023 5:30pm at the
D&H Canal Museum, 1315 NY-213
High Falls, NY 12440

In-Person and Virtual Meeting

Present: Dale Robbins, Dan Shuster, Bill Merchant, Jonathan Bergman, Adam Liebowitz **Also:** Daisy Foote

Via Zoom: Celia Lewis, Bryn Roshong

Absent: Tim Hunt

Call to order: Dale Robbins called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

1. The **minutes** from the January 11, 2023 meeting were unanimously accepted with the additions that Daisy Foote was present, that Tim Hunt is the other Town Board Liaison and that we went into executive session. Jonathan Bergman made the motion to accept with those three additions, Dan Shuster seconded.
2. Update on **Osterhoudt Property**- the board is working on the vision for the use of the property to be submitted to the Town Board and the public.
3. **Agriculture and the MCPAB**- Dale Robbins clarified that our attorney Paul Kellar told her the law is vague on using properties for agricultural uses but he feels we could. Discussion ensued. Daisy Foote told us that the Town can't be a landlord.
4. **Open Space Institute** may assist the Town in writing a NY State Consolidated Funding Application Grant to help with the purchase and/or improvements to the property, due in July.
5. Update on **Black burial ground**. We will add an addendum to the suggested uses of the property that points out that this asset is directly adjacent to it.
6. Since we now have the new Real Estate Transfer Tax, the Town could use the **Bond Act**, but then the Preservation and Investment Committee would need to be reestablished. Daisy suggested that repealing the Town law might be a good first step. Dan suggested we form a subcommittee to investigate. Discussion of the best way to proceed followed. Dale requested that Dan head that subcommittee.
7. **Projected revenue from the Fund**. Celia Lewis analyzed past sales in Marbletown to see what the RETT would have raised if we had it in place sooner. If we had it from 2016, \$1.7 million would have been paid into the fund by now. In 2022 she projects that we would have gotten almost \$300,000. She thinks we should get between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually. Discussion of the data ensued. The board thanked Celia for her hard work.

A **motion to adjourn** was made by Adam, Jonathan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Submitted by Secretary Bill Merchant

*The next meeting of the Community Preservation Advisory Board is
Wednesday, March 8, 5:30pm at the D&H Canal Museum/Mid-Hudson Visitor Center.*