

# Town of Marbletown

## Historic Preservation Commission

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Timothy Hunt, Co-Chair  
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Harry Hansen  
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Susan Sprachman  
Bent L. Thomsen

### Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission September 16, 2017 Meeting, Marbletown-Rosendale Town Hall

#### Present:

Tim Hunt, Co-Chair  
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair  
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner  
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair  
Harry Hansen, Commissioner  
Brook Garrett, Commissioner  
Claudine Brenner, Secretary  
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#### Excused:

Bent Thomsen, Commissioner  
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner

Call to order: Quorum: Minutes: Hunt called the meeting to order at 9.00 AM and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes of the July 8 meeting were reviewed and the minutes were APPROVED.

Reprinting of brochure and its distribution: Marian McCorkle suggested reprinting the brochure as Gayle Many has been very enthusiastic by its usage and has been passing them out.

Town Business: Doug Adams said that most likely nothing substantial would happen till next year. The PZC will not meet this month.

Town Sign Maintenance: Signs near Davenports look more presentable as the town has been mowing.

High Falls Conservancy: The Eppleys, representing the High Falls Conservancy, attended the meeting to present their concerns about the historic ruin “Norton cement factory” near the falls, and which has been around since about the 1790s. The Conservancy would like to see the building preserved; removing the trees around it to stabilize the foundation; putting in lighting. The plan presented would have incorporated a small educational building that would address the geology of that region: billion year old rock formations and early transportation modes, etc. The Conservancy is concerned that as trees continue to grow and spread, they will destroy the building further. They were hoping that if it did become a landmark, Central Hudson would pay more attention to its upkeep. However, Central Hudson were afraid of liability if more people come to visit the building, and roundly rejected removing or having the trees removed. Anthony DiGuiseppe wondered whether a public utility building is exempt from historic designation. Hunt thanked the Eppleys for their concern and said it looked like there was a need to look more into this – especially if the process does not involve the ‘owner’. Doug mentioned a recent conversation with someone from Scenic Hudson who lives in High Falls and had expressed interest in approaching Central Hudson to take over the entire area for preservation purposes. This was thought to be a good solution and the Eppleys were interested in talking to that person. Doug will get his name to them. Anthony said we’d need a write up in order to designate it and Hunt asked them to do a write up on the building. Asked whether they thought High Falls was amenable to becoming a local historic district, they replied yes. Anthony reminded that it is a lot of work and a long process.

D&H Canal house: Designation would create a role model for the district itself.

Barn rehabilitation in Kripplebush: ‘Chambers House’. DiGuiseppe sent them information on tax credit as they are interested in claiming the Federal tax credit for rehabilitating a historic building. Harry Hanson mentioned that typically the designation is for a whole tax lot.

Sign Maintenance: Matt Berlin sent an email to Susan Sprachman expressing his interest in addressing historic sign maintenance. Sprachman will meet with Matt to discuss. Hanson will do a drive by to list the signs needing maintenance. Doug will give Sprachman the name of Woodstock person who does ‘faux’ signs to get his prices.

Training: These are due by end of fiscal year. Training taken should be passed on to Claudine Brenner who records the information.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10.15 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2017 at 09:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted  
Claudine Brenner