

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Doug Adams
Claudine Brenner, Secretary
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Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission July 21, 2018 Meeting, Rondout Municipal Center

Present: Tim Hunt, Co-Chair
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair
Claudine Brenner, Secretary
Doug Adams, Commissioner
Harry Hansen, Commissioner
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner
Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner
Eric Stewart, Town Board Liaison

Excused: Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair

Call to order: Quorum, Minutes: Tim Hunt called the meeting to order at 09:45 AM and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes of the June 16 meeting were reviewed and with edits approved.

The Commission welcomed Marjorie Shelley. Schulz introduced the benefit of an orientation of what the Commission does to introduce new members. Hunt reminded all to review the materials and preservation law on the town website, www.marbletown.net town. A subcommittee was identified to develop an orientation training (see code of ethics below).

Realtor Workshop: This has been postponed to Spring to give the commission more time to put together a good workshop offering CEU. The workshop is aimed at brokers and hopes to diffuse mistaken meaning of landmarked status when a property is purchased or selling.

Code of Ethics: Hunt shared again the Code of Ethics for the HPC. Schulz's recommendations were for commissioners to fully understand their roles and liabilities that come with it. It was suggested that we take a look at what other commissions have done with this national code. A subcommittee with Hunt, Adams, Schulz, Sprachman and McCorkle was formed to meet in August to develop an orientation training and to review the code of ethics. Schulz proposed drawing up a draft orientation and distributing it to the subcommittee.

for discussion. Documents and resources and the selection and appointment process, once adopted, would go on the Marbletown website for potential new commissioners. The Historic Preservation Commission's ethical codes would be specific to our work and would augment any existing town code.

Town Business: Stewart, the Town Board Liaison representative, briefed the commission on the latest Dollar General Store moves and reported they had put down a contingency payment and that the Planning and Zoning Committee (PZC) were looking at implementing design standards. It was felt this provided an opportunity for the HPC to weigh in regarding the look of the 'gateway' to the historic district and to provide the PZC with design standards guidance.

Hanson has been serving as the HPC representative on the design guidelines committee and would continue. Hanson recommended circulating the current zoning Appendix A to members with his proposed changes and requesting input – to be discussed at the next HPC meeting.

Reconnaissance Survey Project: Hunt reported the subcommittee had a call with consultant Neil Larson who is drafting data indicator tools that would be used to revise the survey and he has identified staff for implementing the project. Hunt reiterated the importance of the project in identifying properties that are in danger or of concern while capturing an accurate inventory of historic properties through the 19th century. The survey will inform the community of historic properties and potential local districts that may be supported by the community to become local landmarked districts.

Affidavit for filing with County: Hunt reported that the town's lawyer with Supervisor Parete are reviewing the affidavit of landmarked status that Schulz developed for the commission and will provide feedback following the week of August 1st. The goal of the affidavit, once approved, would be to file it with the County and enable anyone doing a title search on a property to tell whether a house is designated or not.

Fire Training: Adams talked about the town forfeiting its lead on a full SEQR of the site and that the county had assumed the lead status. He recommended the HPC send a letter to reinforce the need for a full SEQR and force a court decision.

Training Opportunity: The Ulster County Historic Society is hosting a lecture on Sunday, July 22nd at the Bevier House Museum. The Lecture is on "Myron Teller and the Restoration of the Bevier House Museum and other Ulster County Stone Houses" with William Rhoads. Hunt reminded commissioners of their need for yearly training and the state audit with SHPO is still being scheduled for the fall.

Other: It was suggested that the Town's Building inspector, Dave Allen, be invited to attend the HPC's September meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10.55 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, at 09.30 AM.

Respectfully submitted
Claudine Bremner