

# Town of Marbletown

## Historic Preservation Commission

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Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission  
January 12, 2019 Meeting,  
Rondout Municipal Center

Present:

Tim Hunt, Co-Chair  
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair  
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair  
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner  
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner  
Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner  
Laura Shane Cunningham, Associate Commissioner  
Eric Stewart, Town Board Liaison

Excused: Doug Adams, Commissioner  
Claudine Brenner, Secretary

Call to order: Quorum in attendance  
Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:35.

The minutes from the December 8, 2018 meeting were approved as amended.

**Report on Town Business:** Stewart gave an update on the recent Town Board meeting. He noted that the date for the public hearing for accessory apartment law will be held on Jan. 24. The Commission had a discussion about how this would impact historic properties. Outside renovation would be covered by same rules of COA appropriateness as any renovation.

**Affidavit acknowledging historic designation:** This is an affidavit that would be signed by the owner of a designated property, recorded in land records, and would show up in a title search. The affidavit was drafted a year ago and needs to be reviewed by the town attorney, but to date the Commission has not received any comments. The question was raised as to whether a house could be un-landmarked; the Commission agreed that it can only be changed by a change in the adopted law that landmarked it. Marian noted that we do not have block and lot designation on the historic designation records. She will amend the application to include this information.

**Misquote in Freeman:** The Supervisor had been asked by Sprachman whether he was correctly quoted in the Freeman paper linking the Reconnaissance Survey with Air B&Bs and event spaces. Parete stated that he had been misquoted and acknowledged there was no linkage between the survey and Air B&Bs and a future events law. DiGuiseppe submitted a comment to the Freeman on-line emphasizing that there was no linkage; Sprachman raised this issue at the Town Meeting, and Hunt would consider a letter to the editor of the Blue Stone to this effect.

The Commission discussed the sensitivity of the historic reconnaissance survey. It will inform HPC planning, and thus can be used in town strategic planning and zoning used to promote careful business development around historic resources.

**Orientation training for new commissioners:** This will be held on January 26 at 11:00 at DiGuseppi's house. Schulz will prepare the orientation packet list with help from McCorkle-Beckerman. The materials will be sent to Commissioners as digital version. Hunt emphasized that Commissioners should look at law and materials through lens of code of ethics.

**Update on Reconnaissance survey project, timeline and meetings:** Hunt, Larson and Sprachman are working on the quarterly report which is due in February. Larson will finish the survey field work by March. Another report is due on June 1, with the final report due on Sept. 1. It appears there are more than 400 houses in Marbletown that were built before 1900. Hunt will discuss with Larson a strategy for determining which houses should be included in this survey.

**CLG Annual report:**

Hunt noted the annual report is due in March and would be preparing with McCorkle-Beckerman. All trainings should be listed with Brenner for 2017-18.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2019