

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission
May 14, 2016 Meeting, Rosendale Town Hall

Present: Timothy Hunt, Co-Chair
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Gail Many, Town Historian (requested agenda item)
Ferris Cook (public)

Excused: Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair
Cory Cavallero, Associate Commissioner

Call to order; Quorum; Minutes. Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes of the April 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed with a correction in para 7. McCorkle moved to approve the minutes, as corrected, Brenner seconded, and all were in favor.

Gail Many, Town Historian, praised the Commission for their fine work in Marbletown, and specifically on the Marbletown Brochure. She mentioned wanting to reproduce the old document 1669-1997 'Commemorate Marbletown'; the plan and schedule to be determined. Hunt said the commission might consider a grant application to incorporate updating the brochure. Many briefed the commission on her attendance at the Catskill Interpretive Center workshops, and meetings, and informed that the new Ulster County Historian is Jeff Miller. His office is in Michael Hein's office. Many declared wanting to gather all County historical information – photos, maps, etc, that is currently spread out (e.g. UC Community College) to secure in one place. Many raised possible events, activities, or themes to introduce during Founder's Day, October 1. These discussions were incorporated in the Founder's Day paragraph below. Many also reminded the commission of the Ulster Co Historic Society's focus on Women in Ulster County and the anniversary of the beginning of the suffrage movement. This will include Ann Gordon's talk on Women as given at the Bevier House as well as Many and Hunt's lecture on Emily Crane Chadbourne.

Ferris Cook, inquiry regarding Marbletown Cemetery preservation: Attended the meeting at the invitation of Vice-Chair, McCorkle to share her interest in saving cemeteries. Ferris had photos of three significant gravestones (Richard Dewitt and wife Sophia; Bevier, and Wynkoop (1827-1891) that are on private property off North 209. Discussion about possible community partnerships for maintenance could include churches, for example. The commission confirmed that owners may grant access to cemeteries located on their properties. For abandoned cemeteries the town has at times provided maintenance. Commissioner encouraged Cook to pursue potential ideas to save the cemetery and acknowledged that Ulster County has a rich history of slavery narratives and slave cemeteries that need to be told.

Signage: Brenner mentioned a neighbor's remark about the deteriorating State landmarked sign in front of an Oliver House on Route 209. Members deliberated on whose responsibility it was to replace/fix and how to address it. Suggestions offered and actions were to explore the town highway department's role; Hansen to research what the town

of Rochester did to rehabilitate their signs; Sprachman will inquire regarding a sand blaster; and Hansen will do a drive-around survey to see which historic signs need 'repair.'

Founders Day – October 1, 2016: The Town Hall website needs to be updated, showing the date: October 1, 2016. Sprachman and Brenner volunteered to spearhead the commission's planning for the event. A suggestion was made to attend this year's 'Hurley's Stone House day' on July 9 to approach performers and find ideas to apply to Marbletown's Founder's Day. Sprachman suggested their first meeting with Adams and Brenner to begin coordinating ideas for Founder's Day. Themes suggested for speakers and events were:

- An exhibition of Stone Ridge in the early days. Postcards; maps for reproduction; photos (Stone Ridge will provide what they have to enlarge.) Gail Many would then consolidate these and exhibit them in the town hall.
- Promoting Marbletown's museums: Kripplebush, Bevier museum, D&H Canal
- Talks given by: Robert Titus, Geologist (confirmed); potential Depuy Canal lecture; Timothy Hunt lecture on Emily Crane Chadbourne
- A proposal to have people dress up in period clothing (confer with Hurley 'Stone House Day' participants).
- Tin smithery demonstration
- Setting up an HPC table
- ARC Food truck (confirmed)

Zoning issues: Hansen reported that at the last meeting, the planning board discussed design guidelines within the Stone Ridge business district that could now regulate colors, windows and lighting. Adams said this design review committee included in the code was never formed. Hansen reminded that the HPC would want to weigh in as the commission regarding this plan and revisions.

Training: SHPO will be doing another seminar in Ellenville. Commission will keep a look out for dates. A reminder that SHPO also has online training and that members should "maintain or augment their knowledge through participation in historic preservation training at least annually". Approved training sites are:

- <http://www.nps.gov/tps/education/online-training.htm>
- <http://nysparks.com/shpo/certified-local-governments/documents/CLGProgramNYS.pdf>

Designations: Brodhead designation application: In process.

Leggett cemetery: Hansen said still working on as Non-Owner sanction.

Oliver/Davenport House application in process.

Marbletown Website: The HPC links have been fixed, the brochure is loaded.

CLG Grant: Subcommittee Schulz, Sprachman, and Hunt to meet, and to follow-up with SHPO for confirmation of process and due date.

Adjournment: With no further business, Hunt adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting will be held on June 11, 2016 at the new town hall in Rosendale at 09:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudine Brenner