

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission May 9, 2020 Meeting, Virtual Meeting

Present:

Tim Hunt, Co-Chair
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair
Doug Adams, Commissioner
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner
Harry Hansen, Commissioner
Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner
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1. Call to order, Quorum, Review of Agenda and Minutes. Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. The presence of a quorum was noted, and the agenda reviewed. The Commission reviewed the minutes of the last meeting (4/11/20). With one edit, the minutes of the April 11, 2020 meeting were approved.
2. HPC Website: McCorkle reported that the suggested corrections to the HPC website have been made, including the missing website links to two designated properties.
3. Town updates: Ms. Sprachman reminded that the next Town Planning Board meeting will take place, over zoom, on Monday May 11, at 6:00PM. It is likely that the solar application in Kripplebush will be on the agenda. Sprachman reported that discussions with Central Hudson were still ongoing regarding pole location and their design. Once the project plan is approved, neighbors and public would be included in meetings to present the project. In the meantime, development would not begin till the fall, to mitigate disruption to bat habitat. It was expected that traffic disruption would be minimal. DiGuiseppe confirmed that a letter with the Commission's concerns was submitted by email to the Planning Board Chairman.

Grady Park: DiGuiseppe mentioned a letter to the Blue Stone's editor in the April 17 edition regarding park plans and reiterated the need to include the Commission in any design features. The park is in the High Falls historic district. The June HPC agenda will further discuss the park, along with the foundation and telegraph office landmarks.

4. Commission By-Laws. Minor editorial suggestions were proposed to the document Ms. Schulz presented. A copy will be shared with the town lawyer for vetting with a request for comments to reach before next month's meeting.
5. Grant Update: Hunt stated there was no update on the CLG grant award but hopefully we should be notified by the end of May.
6. Training: DiGuiseppe shared the following training webinars information from the Preservation League of New York State. To receive credit, one should register (ref. DiGuiseppe May 1 email to commissioners.) This information will be posted to the HPC website. (Note: The NYS League also posts the courses a few hours later on Utube.)
 - Learn more about how to make historic tax credits work for your rehabilitation or development project. The Homeowner Historic Tax Credit Program is administered by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.
 - **May 4, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** – NYS Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Credit –
Learn the basics of this program and hear from homeowner Nick Zumbulyadis on his personal experience with the program in the Maplewood Historic District in Rochester.
[Click here to register](#)
 - **June 1, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** – Utilizing the NYS Homeowner and Commercial Tax Credits in conjunction for mixed use projects (owner occupied multi-family or mixed-use buildings)
The League will be joined by guest speaker Mike Puma of Preservation Studios.
[Click here to register](#)
 - **June 29, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** – NYS Tax Credit Program for Income Producing Properties & Federal Investment Tax Credit Program for Income Producing Properties
The League will be joined by guest speaker Jason Yots of Preservation Studios.
[Click here to register](#)

See below link for NPS briefs on historical preservation and short quizzes at the end for training purposes - these are qualified CEU courses:

<https://www.hpef.us/special-projects/continuing-education>

7. Census Track Information: Most of Marbletown is in the census track, with parts of Main Street omitted. DiGuiseppe offered to revise the information and send to McCorkle for posting to the HPC website.
8. Designations: Information gathering on endangered properties or landmarks are still ongoing. On the Van Aiken property, Mr. Hansen reported there was not much cooperation or information available. Hansen offered to put some timelines together thru the deeds, for discussion at a future meeting.

9. Leggett Road : The Commission reiterated its commitment to supporting the Leggett Estate with applying for designation. A sub-committee to assist with the write-up was proposed with Hunt, Hansen, Cunningham, and McCorkle. The Retreat's Board was to meet in April to discuss moving forward on designation - McCorkle will follow up. Cunningham reminded that there are some contributing properties along Leggett Road which were once part of the Leggett Estate.
10. Virtual Presentation on Historic Resource Survey Update: Hunt stated that consultant Neil Fisher had been asked to draft a PowerPoint presentation as part of his scope of work for the Historic Resource Survey Update Part 1, 1669 – 1900 Project Report. Hunt proposed a 10-12 minute power point presentation to the Town Board during a regular town board meeting. McCorkle offered help with revising and designing the power point presentation; and Sprachman will apprise town board and confirm the date in June. Date and details for presentation of the survey to the general public was tabled to a future meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10.25. AM. The next meeting will be held June 13, at 9:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudine Brenner