

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Bent L. Thomsen
Kathy Schulz, Associate Commissioner
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Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission June 11, 2016 Meeting, Rosendale Town Hall

Present: Timothy Hunt, Co-Chair
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair
Brook Garrett, Commissioner
Harry Hansen, Commissioner
Bent Thomsen, Commissioner
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner
Doug Adams, Town Board Liaison

Excused: Harry Hansen, Commissioner
Kathy Schulz, Assoc. Commissioner
Cory Cavallero, Associate Commissioner

1. Call to order; Quorum; Minutes. Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes of the May 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed, and two corrections in paragraph 2 noted. Vice Chairman, DiGuiseppe, motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, and Susan Sprachman seconded. All were in favor. The Agenda items were reviewed, and revised to include a tax credit update.
2. Designation Applications:
 - Brodhead Application: Timothy Hunt confirmed that a letter was drafted and sent to the owners informing them of the preliminary application approval, and inviting them to submit a full application. A site visit by commission members would follow.
 - Oliver house: The application is still in process
 - Delemater Cemetery: Hunt reported that Hansen continues to work on the application .
3. Founders Day. Sprachman distributed notes pertaining to her preliminary meeting with Doug Adams to discuss ideas for Founders Day. Claudine Brenner followed up with information she obtained for contacting potential event performers and artisans. Sprachman and Brenner plan to attend Hurley's July 9 Stone House Day.
4. Zoning Updates: Adams reported that the Town's zoning board was addressing the reference in the zoning law regarding color of residences or businesses, windows, and signage for historic district compatibility. It appears as the law stands now, residential house colors are not regulated, but businesses are. Hunt asked Adams to keep the Commission apprised of any new wording that comes

into effect, so as to have an input/advisory role. DiGuseppe mentioned the tax credits that businesses in the historic district would receive – which may offset the cost of complying with PZC regulations.

5. CLG grant: The grant is due in January. Hunt reminded that the NYS SHPO prefers the CLG yahoo group dissemination method, rather than their own website to disseminate information. The grant application dates were incorrect on the state website. Schulz, Sprachman and Hunt will continue to work on the application.
6. Training: Members were encouraged to continue their training for this year ending September and may choose online. Brenner reminded that certified education credits could be acquired (e.g. Prof. Titus talk.)
7. Signage of historical properties: The maintenance of these signs is still in discussion. DiGuseppe thought it used to be part of a State program. Hunt said he would inquire with State. Hansen to provide input of his drive by tally of signs. Brenner thought the town should be responsible for maintenance of the signs; Adams concurred and thought the highway Dept. should participate in picking up signs requiring repair. Hunt asked Adams to explore this with town officials.
8. Tax credit Update: Bent Thomsen presented information on becoming eligible for State and Federal tax credit for restoration of historic properties. His research with the county and state found that the house has to be within a census tract with median family income below the State median family income of \$69, 200. He concluded that Marbletown is not eligible for state tax credit because our median is higher than the States'. Income producing properties would be eligible for a 20% federal tax credit for historic renovation. If one had a residence in the historic district and rented out rooms for B&B, approved renovations would be eligible for a 20% federal restoration/renovation tax credit. Thomsen stated he needed to do more research to fully document his conclusions. Hunt asked Thomsen to put together a one page guideline that we could put on the website.
9. Next meeting: To be held on Saturday, July 9. The venue is to be confirmed, as any change of location would need to be advertised on the HPC website.
10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine Brenner