

# Town of Marbletown

## Historic Preservation Commission

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Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner

Rich Parete, Town Supervisor  
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### MINUTES

#### Historic Preservation Commission

January 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting

#### Present:

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John Harrington, Secretary  
Scott Davis, Commissioner  
Bill Merchant, Commissioner  
Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner  
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#### Guests:

Claudine Brenner  
Tracy Kellogg, Town Attorney  
Rich Parete, Town Supervisor  
Susan Sprachman

Call to order: Chair Anthony DiGuiseppe called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

1. Quorum noted; review of agenda
2. Review of minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2020; moved by Doug Adams; seconded by Marjorie Shelley; motion approved unanimously.

### 3. Public Hearing: Roosa Farm House landmark application approval

On January 5, 2021, the Marbletown Town Board approved the HPC recommendation for historic landmark status for the Roosa Farm House. Discussion included a Board suggestion of addition in future pre-applications of a statement regarding any existing building violations or open building permits on the residence seeking historic status. A new application to HPC for historic status is expected from the Saul family

### 4. Bennett Solar Farm issue update

An Article 78 Appeal of the town Planning Board approval of the project has been filed by counsel; Town Board has chosen an attorney to represent it; no construction is permitted during this litigation. HPC will withhold any recommendations until the appeal case is resolved.

### 5. CLG Status

On December 31, 2020, the state coordinator renewed Marbletown HPC Certified Local Government status in recognition of the Marbletown commissioner's credentials and expertise. Renewed CLG status makes HPC eligible for both State and Federal grant competitions

### 6. Commission term report

John Harrington reviewed a table of the current commissioners terms of appointment and also the terms of current officers. Both Town Supervisor and Town Attorney joined discussion of residency requirements for HPC and any town board. Residency requirements still require clarification. Town Board expects to make appointments of three additional HPC commissioners at its next meeting on January 19.

### 7. Update on town related business and relevant committees

HPC Chair and Town Board Liaison discussed coordination between town committees and possible meetings of committee Chairs to facilitate that. Planning continues on the Grady Park Improvement Project; as the project is in an historic district, Bill Merchant will serve as HPC representative to that process.

### 8. Designation plaque competition

All commissioners are enthusiastic about design of new signage for historic homes and sites in Marbletown. Details on both design guidelines and competition procedures need to be defined: a committee of Shelley, Adams, and Scott Davis will present proposals for advancing this project at the next HPC meeting.

## 9. Web site report status

Early design is in process for an HPC Facebook page. Merchant and Don LaFera will consult on any necessary municipal approvals required for it.

Town of Marbletown of historic designations will continue (see below).

## 10. 2021 Pillars to accomplish

Commission selected four goals for 2021 strategic plan: 1) Create new historic designation signage and seek support for repair and restoration of existing historic signage; 2) complete CLG grant application for expansion of the High Falls Historic District and to begin designation of a Leggett Road area; 3) to complete two historic home designations annually; 4) advance the Public Awareness Program to increase awareness of HPC and of the value to the Town and all residence of historic designations.

Motion: To adjourn; moved by Adams; seconded by Merchant; approved unanimously at 10:55am.

Next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is February 13, 9:30am; Orientation meeting as previously scheduled is on January 19, 4pm.

Recorded by HPC Secretary, John Harrington