

# Town of Marbletown

## Historic Preservation Commission

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Doug Adams, Treasurer  
Paul Bogart, Commissioner  
Scott Davis, Commissioner  
Bill Merchant, Commissioner  
John Roosa, Commissioner

### MINUTES

#### Historic Preservation Commission

May 13, 2021

#### Virtual Meeting

Present: Anthony DiGuiseppe, Chair  
Laura Shaine Cunningham, Vice Chair  
Doug Adams, Treasurer  
John Harrington, Secretary  
Scott Davis, Commissioner  
Bill Merchant, Commissioner  
John Roosa, Commissioner  
Don LaFera, Town Board Liaison

Absent: Paul Bogart, Commissioner  
Marjorie Shelley, Associate Commissioner

1. Call to order: Chair Anthony DiGuiseppe called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
2. Quorum noted; review of agenda.
3. Review of minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2021; moved by Doug Adams; seconded by Bill Merchant; motion approved unanimously.

Note: After approval of the minutes, discussion continued on the committee participation requirement noted in the April 10 minutes. The requirement cited comes from the bylaws of the town Environmental Conservation Commission:

Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings shall be recommended to the Town Board for removal, unless the ECC votes to the contrary. The ECC may recommend removal of a member to the Town Board, for cause, where the question of such removal has been set forth in the notice of such meeting.

This statement, edited for reference to HPC, will be circulated to HPC commissioners for consideration as an HPC bylaw and also circulated to Town Board for consultation on process.

#### 4. Historic Plaques

Scott Davis and Adams reported on progress with a trial restoration of one of the town's blue-and-yellow historic markers. The weathered site marker of the Old Colonial Church near North Marbletown has been recovered, disassembled, and sandblasted. Approved color codes have been supplied, and a process of preparing and painting will be completed soon as a test for a process that can be replicated for other damaged historic markers.

In addition to pursuing restoration of existing plaques, John Harrington will contact the William Pomeroy Foundation on funding of additional historic plaques. The Stone Ridge Library is a potential candidate for a historic building site marker.

#### 5. Update on Town Related Business

Don LaFera forwarded hypothetical questions directed to him about designated color palettes for town historic districts. The question falls between historic preservation and town planning purviews. Owners considering repainting are advised to consult Benjamin Moore historic colors and the location context in preparing building permit applications.

#### 6. Web Site Report Status

Bill Merchant has been constructing a Facebook format and collecting photographs of town sites and buildings for an HPC Facebook page.

#### 7. Renovation Awards Program

Subcommittee on new designated sites plaques has been unable to meet. For recognition of current buildings on historic registers, discussion has moved away from an artist competition toward a single graphic design. A final plan will be presented shortly, and LaFera indicated that the Town Board would be open to funding proposals.

Additionally, Anthony DiGuseppe will present ideas at the next meeting for a town award for historic renovation, potentially for fall 2021.

## 8. New Business

A question was raised about the reference to Stone Ridge Library porch that had appeared as a long-standing agenda item and then was dropped from the agenda. DiGuseppe was able to provide background: the porch was removed during the building's structural renovation. Because of the building's alternative entry and other library financial needs, it has remained disassembled. The porch remains an open matter on the library COA for renovation.

Motion: To adjourn; moved by Adams, seconded by Davis; approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:05.

Next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is Thursday, June 10, 2021, 6:00pm.

Recorded by HPC Secretary, John Harrington