

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Bill Merchant, Commissioner
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MINUTES

Historic Preservation Commission

September 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Present: Anthony DiGuiseppe, Chair
Laura Shaine Cunningham, Vice Chair
Doug Adams, Treasurer
John Harrington, Secretary
Scott Davis, Commissioner
Bill Merchant, Commissioner
Marjorie Shelley, Associate Commissioner

Absent: Paul Bogart, Commissioner
John Roosa, Commissioner
Don LaFera, Town Board Liaison

1. Call to order: Chair Anthony DiGuiseppe called the meeting to order at 6:10pm; review of Open Meetings Law extension of remote meetings.
2. Quorum noted; review of agenda.
3. Review of minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2021; moved by Bill Merchant; seconded by Doug Adams; motion approved unanimously.

Note: After approval of the minutes, discussion continued on the committee participation requirement noted in the April 10 and May 13 minutes. Scott Davis and Anthony DiGuiseppe will follow-up on HPC inquiries to the Town Board on process of bylaw amendments.

4. Annual Report to SHPO

DiGuseppe will draft a report from HPC to SHPO for fiscal year 2021 and present to the Commission for review before submission.

5. Commissioner Training Reports

Commission reviewed Secretary's tabulation of attendance at professional preservation conferences in the past year. Attendance was very good; tabulation is now complete and closed for 2021 SHPO report.

6. Monthly Press Releases Discussion

Laura Shaine Cunningham agreed to prepare press releases on HPC news and activities for local press.

7. Historic Plaques

Davis and Adams reported on completion of the trial restoration of one of the town's state-issued blue-and-yellow historic markers. The weathered site marker of the Old Colonial Church near North Marbletown was recovered, disassembled, sandblasted, repainted according to regulations, and reinstalled. The result is outstanding, and it appropriately renews the recognition of the site of a colonial church in built in 1748 in Marbletown.

Results were so successful that Davis and Adams will continue and next restore historic markers associated with the D&H Canal House Museum in High Falls.

Additionally, the subcommittee of Davis, Adams, and Marjorie Shelley will continue to prepare designs for a Marbletown-specific historical marker and report at the next HPC meeting.

8. Update on Town Related Business

Agenda item was deferred in absence of the Town Board liaison.

9. 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.

10. Renovation Awards Program

DiGuseppe and Shelley will present ideas at the next meeting for a town award for historic renovation.

11. New Business

Bill Merchant reported on the pending announcement of Canal House Museum acquisition of a canal-side telegraph station in High Falls that may be among the oldest its kind of technology.

Motion: To adjourn; moved by Merchant; seconded by Davis; approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is Thursday, October 14, 2021, 6:00pm.

Recorded by HPC Secretary, John Harrington