

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Scott Davis, Commissioner
Bill Merchant, Commissioner
John Roosa, Commissioner

Rich Parete, Town Supervisor
Don LaFera, Town Board Liaison

MINUTES

Historic Preservation Commission

November 17, 2021

Virtual Meeting

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

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

1. Call to order: Chair Anthony DiGuiseppe called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.
2. Quorum noted; review of agenda.
3. Review of minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2021; moved by Bill Merchant; seconded by Scott Davis; motion approved unanimously.

4. Historic Marker Sign Renovations

Renovation of damaged historic markers continues, with the High Falls signs for the Old DePuy Home and the Old Stone Aqueduct next to be sandblasted and repainted.

Additionally, the marker for the Wynkoop House, which is faded on one side, will be either cleaned or repositioned to make it more visible and readable.

Notices to local press can explain that HPC plans to submit grant applications for new markers and for repair of damaged ones to the Pomeroy Foundation in 2022. Residents can propose sites and buildings of historic importance to HPC; applications must have historical documentation and be submitted by non-profit or governmental organizations. Applications to HPC will be processed in late summer.

5. Additional Historic Designations

HPC is resuming discussions with Ridgely Manor on applying for landmark status. The Ridgely Board has expressed interest, and it will consider next steps at its next meeting.

Landmark status will also be explored for the Van Akin fire-damaged building and farm on 209 near Kripplebush and also for the D&H Telegraph Office in High Falls recently acquired by the Canal Museum. DiGuiseppe will promote the first and Merchant the latter.

When HPC has developed a social media site, it will be used share information and to explore landmark status for some of the historic burial grounds in Marbletown.

6. Review of Commissioners Attendance and Training.

Discussion continued on commissioner participation as required. HPC is at maximum membership, and so non-participating commissioners prevent it from nominating new ones.

Motion: Chair should contact commissioners with poor participation record in 2021 to inquire about their willingness to serve in 2022; moved by Doug Adams; seconded by Merchant; approved unanimously.

7. Marbletown Designation Plaques

Plans for design of a Marbletown-specific designation plaque will be presented at the next meeting. Commissioners agreed that a next step would be to seek input from landmark home owners on all design considerations

9. Update on Town-related business

No updates from the Town Board were available in the absence of the Town Board Liaison.

Commissioners expressed disappointment in reference to both governmental transparency and to COVID safety that the Town Board insists on an in-person only

format after the Governor has extended use of virtual meeting rules through January 15, 2022.

Some Commissioners also expressed interest in a Friends of Historic Marbletown Facebook page for community interest in historic preservation that would be wholly separate and independent from HPC and its meetings.

Next regular meeting (remote) of the Historic Preservation Commission is Thursday, January 13, 2022, 6:00pm. In 2022, meetings will continue on second Thursdays of the month.

Recorded by HPC Secretary, John Harrington