

# Town of Marbletown

## Historic Preservation Commission

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Bill Merchant, Commissioner  
John Roosa, Commissioner

Rich Parete, Town Supervisor  
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### MINUTES

#### Historic Preservation Commission

December 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting

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

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

1. Call to order: Chair Anthony DiGuiseppe called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.
2. Quorum noted; review of agenda.
3. Review of minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2021; moved by Doug Adams; seconded by Laura Shaine Cunningham; motion approved unanimously.

#### 4. Historic Marker Sign Renovations

Renovation of damaged historic markers is proceeding, with High Falls signs for the Old DePuy Home and the Old Stone Aqueduct in process.

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. Further on, the John Burroughs sign on Mohonk Road will be restored.

#### 5. Discussion on Possible Historic Designations

HPC is resuming discussions with Ridgely Manor on applying for landmark status. The Ridgely Board has expressed interest, but its meetings and discussions are delayed by COVID-19 restrictions. Cunningham will deliver to them the preliminary application materials for preparation.

Laura Cunningham wishes to designate her house and will submit preliminary application prior to the January meeting for review.

HPC will continue to look for additional eligible structures, such as the Canal Locks, Mill ruins and Telegraph office where there are no occupancy. Bill Merchant stated that he has approached the Museum about designation of the Telegraph office in High Falls, and received a warm reception.

#### 6. Monthly Press Release Discussion

Cunningham is preparing a press release to follow the last on restoration of the town's historic marker signs. An addition will be released to Blue Stone Press and Shawangunk Journal next week.

#### 7. Designation Plaque Design

Item postponed for discussion in January 2022.

#### 8. Update on Town Related Business

Item postponed in absence of the Town Board Liaison.

#### 9. New Commission Candidates

Chair has asked Commissioners Paul Bogart and John Roosa, who have not attended often and who have completed none of the required professional development training, if they plan to participate fully in HPC in 2022. He asked for response by December 6 and received none.

The Town Board has been informed of their poor attendance record, and it agreed that both attendance and training were required for membership.

Applications for HPC membership have been submitted by Bill Brinnier, architect, and long time resident of Marbletown and Marian Martinez, an architect and

resident of the Main Street Historic district; they have been reviewed by HPC and forwarded to Town Board with enthusiastic recommendations to appoint.

The Town Supervisor has stated that he does not support a new term as Commissioner for Doug Adams, whose term expires December 31. DiGuiseppe and Cunningham both attended the Town Board meeting of December 7 and described to the Board Adams's superior qualifications and record of significant contributions to the commission's work. In this meeting of December 9, all HPC Commissioners present praised Adam's outstanding participation in HPC. Town Supervisor stated that a decision for recommendation to the Town Board for a vote and will be made in January.

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

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