

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Paul Bogart, Commissioner
Bill Brinnier, Commissioner
Scott Davis, Commissioner
Bill Merchant, Commissioner
John Roosa, Commissioner

MINUTES

Historic Preservation Commission

May 12, 2022

Virtual Meeting

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

Absent: Paul Bogart, Commissioner
John Roosa, Commissioner
Ken Davenport, Town Board Liaison

1. Call to order: Chair Anthony DiGuiseppe called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.
2. Quorum noted; review of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2022, as edited; moved by Bill Merchant; seconded by Doug Adams; motion approved unanimously.

4. Grant Applications

Of the two grant applications previously reviewed with Town Supervisor and HPC Town Board Liaison as well as with Certified Local Government office, the first, for

resurvey and enlargement of the High Falls Historic District, has been approved by HPC and Town Board and submitted to CLG. The second, for design and fabrication of a Marbletown-specific marker for designated historic buildings, has been withheld due to some communications issues in process. Grant awards will be announced in September.

5. Update on Historical Marker Sign Renovations

Refinishing of Historical Marker signs is continuing. Members of the commission noted that the refinished marker for the Marbletown Church on Rte. 209 has gone missing. Scott Davis was able to clarify with the church cemetery grounds that the base of the sign was damaged during tree work. That management will repair and reinstall the sign.

6. Designation of Possible Properties

Having already reviewed the preliminary application for designation of 74 Ridgely Drive submitted by Laura Shaine Cunningham, the Commission began review of the full application. When completed and submitted to the Town, the application will be subject to public hearings through HPC and through the Town Board. The Commission made several supportive suggestions of additional documents and information to include with the full application. When complete, the applicant will submit it to the Town Clerk, with appropriate fee, who will then refer it to HPC for consideration for approval.

7. Update on Town-related Business

No update was provided in the absence of the Town Board liaison.

Commissioner Merchant briefed HPC on the Community Preservation Task Force, on which he serves as representative of HPC. The Task Force for is completing a town-wide survey of residents on priorities for town planning related to preservation. The survey is precursor to consideration of a new transfer tax on sales closing above the median price of town home sales in the previous year. Any proposal for a new tax must appear as a referendum on the general election ballot in November. Town must complete preliminary steps to any referendum by the end of June in order to be eligible for inclusion on the November ballot.

8. Status of Attendance at Required Preservation Training Events

To date, Commissioners Bogart and Roosa have not attended any of the preservation training events required for the Commission to maintain status in Certified Local Government and grant eligibility. Nor have they responded to the HPC Chair's repeated inquiries of their plans to attend trainings or to attend HPC meetings. HPC Chair will contact Town Supervisor and Town Board liaison to discuss HPC needs

for participating members. As appointed by the Town Board, Bogart and Roosa terms extend through December 31, 2024.

9. New Business

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

The next regular and virtual meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is June 9, 2022, at 6:00pm

Recorded by HPC Secretary, John Harrington.