

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Scott Davis, Commissioner

MINUTES

Historic Preservation Commission

April 11, 2023

Canal House, High Falls

Present: Doug Adams, Commissioner
Laura Shaine Cunningham, Vice Chair
John Harrington, Secretary
Bill Merchant, Chair
Tim Hunt, Town Liaison

Absent: Bill Brinnier, Commissioner
Scott Davis, Commissioner

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm; quorum noted.
2. Review of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2023; moved by Bill Merchant; seconded by Doug Adams; motion approved unanimously.

4. Press Release

Chair said that a press release for town from HPC is in draft and will circulate to commission before sending. Tim Hunt pointed out that this announcement, first in a long time, would be an excellent opportunity to define the HPC mission for others as a step toward resetting community trust, which is always a challenge for all preservation committees. Defining the mission could help establish HPC as partner to the historic home owners and others with town history interests.

5. SHPO and CLG Reports and Audits

Drafts of the two annual reports and four-year audit report required by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation have circulated through commission and town liaison. Chair will finalize and communicate with SHPO on how to submit required reports by May 1, 2023.

6. Stone Ridge Library

Discussion is continuing on status of the front porch of the landmark Designated Stone Ridge Library building that was removed for renovation. Chair will discuss the nature of landmarks and preservation of distinguishing external characteristics with the library Director.

In reference to landmarks, commission also discussed Designation of Marbletown Community Center.

7. Update on Town-related Business

Hunt summarized some recent town business and invited commissioners to attend Town Board meetings. He emphasized that the present was an excellent opportunity for HPC to collaborate with the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Committee on items of shared interest including historic cemeteries, affordable housing initiatives, development of a water district in the Stone Ridge Historic District, and the future of the Marbletown Community Center..

7. New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01.

The next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 6:00pm, at the D&H Canal Museum in High Falls.

Recorded by HPC Secretary, John Harrington.