

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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MINUTES

Historic Preservation Commission

May 9, 2023

Canal House, High Falls

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

Absent: Scott Davis, Commissioner

Guest: Ethan Plank, Stone Ridge Library Board

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05pm; quorum noted.
2. Review of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2023; moved by Bill Brinnier; seconded by Laura Shaine Cunningham; motion approved unanimously.

4. Library Discussion with Ethan Plank

All were updated on status of the Stone Ridge Library main building porch that was removed during structural renovation, and discussion included reference to the town landmark designation of the building and the Historic Preservation local law. The library is actively considering the question of reconstruction of a porch; however, it

needs to consider that in the context of all library building priorities. The library board will make a proposal, and HPC will assist as needed.

5. Update on Possible Town Purchase of Osterhoudt Meadow and Woods

The town Community Preservation Fund Advisory Committee, including Chair of HPC, has recommended town purchase of the Osterhoudt property and possible the adjoining historic burial ground. Town will be pursuing ways to fund purchase, and it will be assisted by Open Space Institute.

6. Press Release

A public announcement to update the town on HPC activities is in final draft.

7. New Commissioners

Two potential HPC commissioners, Pat Sheely and Laura Anker, will contact the Town Supervisor about serving on the commission.

8. Update on Town-related Business

As the Preservation Advisory Board news was already covered, Tim Hunt discussed other ongoing town discussions that have HPC relevance, including enlarging the water district into the Stone Ridge Historic District, research on affordable housing initiative, reservoir aqueduct repair impact on town homes, and the ongoing process to update town zoning code.

9. New Business

The commission was updated on the case for local designation of the Marbletown Community Center building. Research has been led by Laura Shaine Cunningham, who will draft a Preliminary Application for landmark designation. Both the commission and the Town Board are receptive to considering the application.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18.

The next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 6:00pm, at the D&H Canal Museum in High Falls.

Recorded by HPC Secretary, John Harrington.