

# Town of Marbletown

## Historic Preservation Commission

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Bent L. Thomsen  
Kathy Schulz, Associate Commissioner

Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission  
October 8, 2016 Meeting, Rosendale Town Hall

Present: Timothy Hunt, Co-Chair  
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair  
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair  
Harry Hansen, Commissioner  
Bent Thomsen, Commissioner  
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner  
Claudine Brenner, Secretary  
Kathy Schulz, Associate Commissioner

Excused:  
Brook Garrett, Commissioner  
Doug Adams, Town Board Liaison

Call to order, Quorum; Minutes: Note: Members visited the Brodhead house under landmark application review prior to proceeding to the town hall.

Tim Hunt called the meeting to order. The minutes of the September 10, 2016 meeting were reviewed and edits proposed.

Anthony DiGuiseppe motioned to approve the minutes, with edits, Susan Sprachman seconded; all were in favor.

Founders day Outcome and Review: The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marbletown Founders' Day, celebrating the 313<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marbletown's original land patent grant, was held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Ulster County Historical Society at the Bevier House with a display of history, local art, food and period demonstrations. Festivities included:

- Lectures: The D&H Canal; Stone Houses Galore; Music & Musicians in early Ulster County; and Dynamic Women through the Early History of the Area.
- Twelve artisans representing period crafts demonstrated weaving, hat braiding, spinning, and felt making.
- A display of historic postcards showed early images of Main Street, Stone Ridge from the Stone Ridge Library's local history collection.

The lectures were received as interesting and well attended; the artisans, some in period clothing, interacted with visitors and shared their skills. Overall, however, attendance was poor – partly due to inhospitable weather and conflicting events in the area. DiGuiseppe recommended changing the date, and holding next year's Founders' Day event in July. Marian McCorkle suggested holding it during High Falls' annual Fair Day in July.

Hunt asked for a positive summary of the day to be published in the town's email newsletter - capturing the lecture topics and other events offered.

Brenner suggested thank you notes on HPC letterhead to thank those who lent their tents; made their field available, and marketed the event.

Design Guidelines: Bent Thomsen shared information for accessing the Skaneateles website to view guidelines for renovations and restorations in a historic district.

HPC Training: Members were reminded of the Sept 30 deadline to finish training and to send the information to Claudine Brenner

Brodhead Landmark Designation Application: Commission members were given an extensive and informative tour of the Brodhead house. The visit was very informative and tied together the understanding of the application. Hunt asked about the inclusion of outbuildings. Hanson suggested that they be included. Hunt made a motion members approve the application, with a recommendation that the smoke house and the well cover be included; DiGuiseppe seconded, all were in favor. Hunt will contact the applicant about amending the application to include the smokehouse out-building and well head as contributing elements. It was recommended that the public hearing be scheduled during the next HPC meeting, November 12.

Other: A potential Associate Commissioner approached McCorkle during Founder's Day, expressing his interest in the Commission and offering his help in fixing the deteriorated historic signs in Marbletown. He was directed to the website for commissioner qualifications.

Adjournment: With no further business, Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30, and DiGuiseppe seconded. The next meeting will be held at the Marbletown Town Hall on November 12, 2016, following the public hearing for the Brodhead House application, which begins at 09.00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Claudine Brenner