

# Town of Marbletown

## Historic Preservation Commission

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Rich Parete, Town Supervisor  
Susan Sprachman, Town Board Liaison

Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission  
March 14, 2020 Meeting,  
Virtual meeting (zoom)

Present: Tim Hunt, Co-Chair  
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair  
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair  
Doug Adams, Commissioner  
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner  
Harry Hansen, Commissioner  
Laura Cunningham, Associate Commissioner  
Claudine Brenner, Secretary  
Susan Sprachman, Town Board Liaison

Excused: Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner  
Invited: Gail Many

1. Call to order, Quorum, Review of Agenda and Minutes. Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The presence of a quorum was noted, and the agenda reviewed. The Commission reviewed the minutes of the last meeting (2/8/20). With no edits, the minutes of the February 8, 2020 meeting were approved.
2. Town historian, Gail Many, joined the meeting briefly to convey the concerns of several community members regarding the Kripplebush solar farm's impact on the historic district and other matters. Also, as an historian, she had been approached by homeowners with questions regarding the parameters for historic homes – such as the limitations or restrictions (e.g. house paint colors), advantages, or benefits impacting owners of landmarked properties and historic homes. Commission members responded that this information was available on the Historic Preservation Commission's website ([Marbletown.net/boards & Committees/Historic Preservation Commission/landmark Designation Application Process](http://Marbletown.net/boards & Committees/Historic Preservation Commission/landmark Designation Application Process)) and click on the word 'summary' - where that process is well spelled out. Interested parties can also directly email the Commission from the website with questions. Admittedly, the site may not be very user friendly to navigate, and a recommendation for reviewing the location of information was made.
3. Solar farm: Per Ms. McCorkle-Beckerman, the project has been downsized from a 1.8 to 1.5 Megawatts project. Mr. DiGuiseppe specified that although the panels are outside the historic district, the access road and electric poles were of concern. The Commission discussed and refined a letter drafted following the February meeting for the Planning Board, declining the lead role in the project, but expressing concerns for the view shed of the solar

project entrance and its impact on the historic district. The letter requests that the HPC be informed of planning designs and specifications as they are submitted. Ms. Schulz has agreed to revise the draft with submitted refinements. In any case, work on the project would not begin until the fall, to respect DEC bat regulations - as trees would need to be felled for the panels. Also, thinner electric poles were being considered.

4. Town update: Ms. Sprachman reported that work on 'Grady Park' will be subcontracted out to stabilize the site, provide drainage, and preserve the lock. The design will likely include a walkway and some benches. A community meeting would then be convened to decide what the park should look like.
5. Historic Preservation Conference: DiGuiseppe reported that the conference has been postponed to December 1 and 3, 2020. Any hotel reservations will be refunded on request.
6. Training: Ms. Brenner contacted Linda Mackey, the CLG Program Administrator for our area. On request, she can provide in-person training from SHPO. "This can be done during a regular commission meeting or at a time that is convenient to the commission. Topics discussed will vary depending on commission needs." In the meantime, Commissioners can complete their annual training requirements through the NPS training link.
7. Survey Grant: Hunt and Sprachman will complete the submission of a new NYS SHPO CLG grant 2019-21 following discussions with SHPO to fund activities to address recommendations from the Survey Project of 2018-19 in Marbletown. Hunt reported that Larson Associates had agreed to submit a proposal to collaborate on this new project. McCorkle-Beckerman agreed to be project coordinator, if funded. The grant is due April 3rd along with the annual report and would include consideration of expanding and documenting the current High Falls Historic district and further research of additional districts, as recommended by the final 2019 survey report. Hunt reported that Supervisor Parete had agreed to submit the HPC's letter requesting a town contribution of \$5,000. Town board member Sprachman confirmed that the town board had voted to fund the matching project contribution.
8. Other Business: Ms. Schulz is working on drafting HPC officer positions and term limits. DiGuiseppe questioned the need for two co-chairs and is open to stepping down but remain as a Commissioner. The Commission agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM. The next meeting will be held March 14 at 09:30 via virtual (zoom) call.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudine Brenner