

# Town of Marbletown

## Historic Preservation Commission

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### Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission April 11, 2020 Meeting, Virtual Meeting

#### Present:

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Doug Adams, Commissioner  
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner  
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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 (3/14/20). With edits, the minutes of the March 14, 2020 meeting were approved.
2. Town update: Solar farm: an April Planning Board meeting to discuss the solar project with the community has been delayed until May. Negotiations are ongoing with Central Hudson regarding the placement of the power lines.
3. HPC Meetings: Since the monthly meetings are being held over a web-based video conferencing tool at the moment, it was discussed how the Commission could include the public, should anyone want to attend. It was noted that several website entries needed to be updated, and mistakes corrected. Ms. McCorkle will inquire how other town commissions and boards are conducting meetings during the pandemic.

The Commission reviewed and provided edits to the draft letter regarding the Commission's concerns of the solar project in the historic district of Kripplebush. The letter will be addressed to Dan Proctor, chair of Marbletown's Planning Board. As edited, the Commission voted to adopt the letter. On signature, Brenner will forward to the Planning Board.

4. Survey Grant: Hunt thanked Ms. Sprachman, and Supervisor, Parete, for their support and assistance on the submitted CLG grant proposal. Hunt shared consultant N. Larson's project proposal for review that was used as the pricing foundation of the proposal. At the suggestion of SHPO, the project will concentrate on Leggett Road and High Falls and respond to recommendations outlined in the Commission's 2018-19 CLG reconnaissance survey project. Grant award results should be received by May and will be valid until November, 2021. The total project budget is \$20,500.
5. By-Laws for Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission/Officers: Ms. Schulz submitted the draft By-Laws for review. She reminded the Commission that the By-Laws are intended to supplement the law and must be consistent with it. Doug Adams suggested a maximum of two 2-year terms for officers. Commission members recommended the By-Laws be adopted and effective as of January 1, 2021 (mainly for the purpose of administering the term limit provisions). The edited document will be presented at the next meeting for final edits and forwarding to the town lawyer for review.
6. Co-chair position: DiGuiseppe said he did not think the Commission needed two co-chairs and that he would step down as co-chair in September, but planned to remain a commissioner.
7. Training: Ms. Brenner shared the response from Linda Mackey, NY State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation Program Analyst responsible for CLG Programs and training: "SHPO could be requested to provide in-person training during a regular commission meeting or at a time that is convenient to the commission". Commission members wondered whether she already had power points put together and expressed several training ideas: a talk about solar projects and how solar arrays affect historic properties; historic rehabilitation planning; synthetic materials and preservation; the process of designation; and topics that are relevant to the survey, e.g. how to deal with non-contributing properties within a district. The Commission discussed the possibility that SUNY may offer local training with CE credits. DiGuiseppe recommended that the Commission should research this further and in the meantime take the NYS Park online courses offered. It was decided to discuss the topic further at the next meeting.
8. Presentation of survey to town board and general public. A recommendation to hold a zoom webinar or Facebook presentation was mentioned and will be discussed at the next HPC meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM. The next meeting will be held May 9, at 9:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudine Brenner