

# Town of Marbletown

## Historic Preservation Commission

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Eric Stewart, Town Board Liaison

Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission  
July 13, 2019 Meeting,  
Rondout Municipal Center

### Present:

Tim Hunt, Co-Chair  
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair  
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair  
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner  
Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner  
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner  
Eric Stewart, Town Board Liaison  
Laura Shaine Cunningham, Associate Commissioner

### Excused:

Claudine Brenner, Secretary  
Doug Adams, Commissioner  
Harry Hansen, Commissioner

Call to order: Quorum; Review of Agenda; Minutes: Tim Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM, noted the presence of a quorum and reviewed the agenda.

The Commission discussed various general issues relating to references which should be made to historic properties and possible reasons to use generic references rather than references identifying specific homes.

The minutes of the June 22, 2019 meeting were reviewed and, with edits, approved.

Town Business: Stewart reported that the Town has leased Grady Park in High Falls from the Canal Society for 100 years, and is investigating future plans for use of the property.

Survey Project: Mr. Hunt previously shared with the Commission a draft excel file containing the reconnaissance survey. He noted that it remained incomplete. Ms. Sprachman commented that letters had gone to approximately 10 property owners requesting access to their property. The Commission discussed the organization of the survey and the timeline for review. The survey could be presented to the Town Board on September 3, 2019 if the draft report is completed. The timeline will be reviewed with consultant Larson, New York's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) grants manager and the Deputy Supervisor. The Commission agreed to break the survey into segments with pairs of Commissioners assigned to review and submit their collected comments and questions to Ms. Sprachman by July 22, 2019. Mr. Hunt confirmed that he would request that the surveyor compare the current survey to the Piwonka survey as an additional quality control effort.

The Commission discussed the need to schedule an open presentation to the community. Mr. Hunt agreed to liaise with the surveyor to participate in the presentations.

Mr. Hunt noted that the grant supporting the survey requires the Commission's final report and budget reconciliation by November 1, 2019. The deliverables, the survey and a draft report including an intensive review of at least 2 properties for suitability for historic designation are due by September 30th. He discussed the need to follow-up with the operators of the Vivekananda Retreat Ridgely and the second property under consideration to address any concerns and confirm interest in the documentation of the estate.

Environmental Issues: Given the increasing prevalence of solar panel arrays and other matters affecting designated properties and districts, the Commission agreed to review the law and National Guidelines of Historic Preservation to determine coverage of environmental issues.

Other Discussion: Ms. Schulz reported on the proposed regulations issued by the National Park Service which, if effected, would revise the process for listing properties in the National Register of Historic Places. The regulations were issued for comment and attracted thousands of comments. They have not, as of yet, been issued. If adopted in the same form, the regulations would make it more difficult for state and local governments to nominate new districts and grant additional rights to private landowners to block nominations. Ms. Schulz agreed to circulate the proposed regulations and a related article, and the Commission agreed to discuss it further.

Affidavit: Ms. Schulz reported on the status of the affidavit which would be filed to create a record of a designated property. The affidavit has been under review by the Town Attorney, Tracy Kellogg, who has been having independent conversations with Mr. Hansen and others regarding the recommended structure and process for this effort. Ms. Schulz agreed to follow up with both Mr. Hansen and Ms. Kellogg, and possibly schedule a meeting in August to attempt to resolve outstanding issues.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2019 at 9.30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Schulz