

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission
August 10, 2019 Meeting,
Marbletown Town Hall

Present:

Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair
Tim Hunt, Co-Chair

Claudine Brenner, Secretary
Harry Hansen, Commissioner
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner
Laura Shaine Cunningham

Excused: Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair
Doug Adams, Commissioner
Eric Stewart, Town Board Liaison
Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner

Call to order: Quorum, Minutes: Hunt called the meeting to order at 09.40 a.m.

Minutes of last meeting. With changes noted, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Town Business. Regarding design guidelines: Harry Hansen gave a brief overview of ongoing town signage discussions. Regarding solar array panels across from the Bevier House Museum: This is the largest array approved by the State. There are set back considerations; Sprachman reported on Bevier house walkthrough and the neighbor's right of way. Hunt suggested a separate discussion on what experts say about solar panels in residential/historical areas - or panels on a historical home. DiGuiseppe and Schulz volunteered to research this.

Survey project update. Consultant, SHPO, and HPC are in touch to coordinate project deadlines. The fact that the CRIS database is being updated, has slowed data entry. The draft survey was due August 30th and will now hopefully be completed by the 1st week of September. The main takeaway is not ignoring wood frame houses.

Also, there are twelve additional properties which the consultant has agreed to survey. Hunt reminded that Mohonk Mountain House also needs to be included.

A power point will be ready in time for the presentation on October 26th.

Van Aiken: Hansen will begin the basic history background and efforts to contact the owner will be made to facilitate.

Vivekananda Ridgely: Regarding a national registry application: Laura Shane Cunningham will help assemble research information and write up for the main estate: 3 buildings and 82 acres.

Hunt brought up property insurance and how it impacts landmarked properties. Schulz volunteered to look into it. (e.g. if there was a fire would the owner have to replace the damage with more expensive 'like for like' materials – because they are landmarked - and would the insurance pay for it.)

A reminder was made that training requirements are due again before fiscal year end. Brenner will forward a link to members for online NPS training.

Affidavit. Schulz reported she was in touch with the town lawyer who thought the affidavit would have to be a contract. Hansen said it's a filing issue and should be part of the deed.

D&H Locks. DiGuiseppe reported on latest activity surrounding the locks. Hansen said the HPC needs to be mindful and maintain a say with the town on any historic happenings. It was noted the Lock Tender's cottage is for sale again and that the locks are owned by different entities (the fire department, the D&H canal house.) DiGuiseppe said we should keep the cottage on our radar to designate, but that, ideally, it would be preferable to designate the whole together.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10.40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14 at 09.30

Respectfully submitted,
Claudine Brenner