

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Susan Sprachman
Laura Shane Cunningham, Assoc.
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Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission October 12, 2019 Meeting, Rondout Municipal Center

Present:

Tim Hunt, Co-Chair
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair

Harry Hansen, Commissioner
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner
Laura Cunningham, Associate Commissioner
Eric Stewart, Town Board Liaison
Claudine Brenner, Secretary

Excused: Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner
Doug Adams, Commissioner

1. Call to order, Quorum, Review of Agenda and Minutes. Dr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM, welcomed all attendees, and noted the presence of a quorum.
2. Town Business: Grady Park. Eric Stewart briefed the commission on preliminary town discussions regarding 'Grady Park' in High Falls. Both he and Hansen will represent the HPC as part of the 'High Falls Planning Group' for Grady Park and raise

awareness of historic character and preservation during design discussions. Hansen noted this area as a gateway and important to emphasize the canal walks and locks.

3. Cottekill Road Municipal Park: Regarding the town's initial proposal to turn the area into a municipal park with pole barns, toilets, and soccer and baseball playing fields. Discussions by commission members noted the proximity to some of the oldest historic homes in Ulster County and need to consider how plans could impact this potential historic district.
4. Survey Project: Hunt gave updates on the Historic Survey Project including two conversations with James Finelli, Community Engagement Coordinator, Division for Historic Preservation, New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation regarding the final report revisions and budget reconciliation due November 1st. Hunt, Sprachman and Hansen held a meeting with consultant Larson to review SHPO revision requests. The goal of the report is a final product for the HPC and SHPO to inform future in-depth research and funding opportunities, potential expansion of current historic districts and to inform the selection of new areas of consideration for historic district applications. Hunt asked commissioners and project team to review the current draft summary and conclusions in the report to provide final feedback. Cunningham and Hansen continue to research two primary properties. The project presentation to the Town Board and community to be scheduled following the delivery of the final report to SHPO.
5. Affidavit: Kathy Schulz reported on her meeting with Commissioner Harry Hansen, town lawyer Tracey Kellog, and a representative of the county clerk's office regarding the affidavit on locally landmarked properties. The lawyer convinced them that the affidavit needed to be converted into a contract as the affidavit would not carry over to future owners, but a contract would. Schulz agreed to write up a paragraph on how to introduce that to a property owner once the contract is approved.
6. Training reminder. Members were reminded to take their training courses. It was proposed that a certified SHPO trainer coming to us would be a good idea and beneficial. Brenner agreed to look into potential training topics of interest.
7. Other business: Marian McCorkle reported on a Change of Use application for the black barn in High Falls. The Commission declined the role of lead agency.
8. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10.45 AM. The next meeting will be held November 9 at 09.30

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine Brenner