

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission
November 9, 2019 Meeting,
Rondout Municipal Center

Present:

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

Harry Hansen, Commissioner
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner
Laura Cunningham, Associate Commissioner
Eric Stewart, Town Board Liaison
Claudine Brenner, Secretary
Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner
Doug Adams, Commissioner

Excused:

Kathy Schulz, Commissioner

Present: Gail Many, Rich Parete

1. Call to order, Quorum, Review of Agenda and Minutes. Dr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM, and noted the presence of a quorum.

The Commission welcomed Gail Many and Rich Parete.

Gail Many came to request the Commission's help in reproducing the Circa 1970 History of Marbletown Booklet – emphasizing how often she uses it in various presentations promoting Marbletown and its history. McCorkle laid out the financial constraints involved in scanning and reproducing the booklet. Many hoped to raise fund-raising money. McCorkle offered to help obtain a printer quote (usually \$5,000 for 10,000 copies) and a designer quote. Another solution was finding a publisher that would take over all aspects. Shelley raised the feasibility of requesting a grant. The Commission thought that it would be good to raise awareness and promote the booklet during the community event at which the survey results will be presented. It was decided to look at all the costs before embarking on the project.

With edits noted, the minutes of the October meeting were approved.

2. Town Business:

Grady Park: Town Supervisor Parete, and Town Liaison Stewart briefed the Commission on advances made to the Grady Park project. A survey is due to be started, and the clean up work has been done, which exposed one of the locks. The park is an opportunity to highlight historic preservation in High Falls. According to Parete, the land was donated by the Grady family and the lease stipulates keeping the name Grady. DiGuiseppe reminded that any grant requests would need to be submitted before actual work is started. The next Grady Park meeting will be held in January; the HPC reiterated its desire to work with the town and provide input on the design features.

Cottekill Park: Cunningham reminded that the Historic Pine Farm adjoins the property and that a full environmental study had already been undertaken when the fire training center was being considered there. A walk thru determined it was a wildlife sanctuary. The college will undertake an environmental impact study in March.

3. Survey: Hunt reported on the survey project. 550 properties have been surveyed, exceeding our target. Depending on final report quality, SHPO has said they would consider a 2nd phase funding. The report highlighted recommendations to expand our districts and consider north Marbletown and Leggett Road. The HPC has tentatively scheduled a January 21 presentation of the survey to the Town Board and a community presentation with consultant Larson.
4. Training: The Commission will look into attending the 2020 annual SHPO Training Conference.
5. Other Business: DiGuiseppe reported on his visit to the “House of 7 Gables” which is for sale. A section in the back was built in 1680. The rest of the house dates from

1850. It is hoped that, prior to renovation, a buyer will apply for landmarking first in order to apply for the preservation tax credit.

Van Aiken property: Hunt reviewed OSI's prior exploration of funding for a conservation easement. Shelley will follow-up with her personal contacts to obtain an update from OSI. Hansen continues to research and write the historical narrative.

Clematis Cottage murals: Cunningham informed the Commission on two Leggett estate original murals by Stephen Haweiss at Clematis Cottage which are now located at the SUNY campus.

6. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11.50 AM. The next meeting will be held December 14 at 09.30

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine Brenner