

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Commissioners

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Associate Commissioner

Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission
December 14, 2019 Meeting,
Rondout Municipal Center

Present:

Tim Hunt, Co-Chair
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair
Doug Adams, Commissioner
Harry Hansen, Commissioner
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner
Susan Sprachman, Commissioner
Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner
Laura Cunningham, Associate Commissioner

Excused: Claudine Brenner, Secretary
Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair
Eric Stewart, Town Board Liaison

1. Call to order, Quorum, Review of Agenda and Minutes. Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM, welcomed all attendees, noted the presence of a quorum and reviewed the agenda. The Commission reviewed the minutes of the last meeting (11/9/19) and several corrections were noted. As amended, the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting were APPROVED.

2. Update on Town Business. Ms. Sprachman noted that she will be sworn in as a member of the Town Board as of January 1. She will then be required to step down from her position as a Commissioner. She expressed her hope that she will be appointed as the liaison to the Commission. Other than the ongoing Grady Park project which was noted, there were no specific updates on Town business.
3. Reconnaissance Survey. Mr. Hunt reported that the final draft report was submitted to SHPO on December 6th. The Marblatown New York Reconnaissance Survey Project conducted a survey with data on 538 properties in Marblatown built before 1900; exceeding our target of 463. There were three properties for which photographs were not available despite great efforts. SHPO has requested that its logo be placed on the report and Mr. Hunt noted that the Town Board and Commission's name and logo will also be added once the document is in final form. Mr. Hunt agreed to share the final version with the members of the Commission.

Mr. Hunt reported that a power point presentation is being prepared for presentation to the Town Board, hopefully on January 21st or the first meeting in February, and to the community at a date thereafter.

Mr. Hunt noted that there will be further discussion with SHPO on the possibility of a second phase of the work.

4. Van Aiken and other Properties. The Commission discussed ongoing efforts to liaise with the owners of the Van Aiken property. Mr. Hansen reported that he has a basic history on the property but will need to see the house in order to complete it. The building dates to the mid-1700s and his focus is on the history of the house itself rather than personages. It was noted that there were a number of older photos which can also be included in the history of the property.

Ms. Cunningham and Ms. McCorkle-Beckerman reported on the Ridgley Estate and the ongoing discussion by its leadership about designation. While the process is expected to take some time, the prospects for designation look positive.

5. Commissioner Terms. The Commission discussed the expiration of the terms of two Commissioners, Ms. Brenner and Ms. McCorkle-Beckerman, as of December 31st. Both have indicated their interest in continuing to serve the Commission. In addition, the candidacy of Ms. Cunningham as a full Commissioner was discussed. Upon nominations, duly seconded, each of Ms. Brenner, Ms. McCorkle-Beckerman and Ms. Cunningham was recommended as a Commissioner for a term of four years. Hunt will develop the letter of recommendation and submit to the Town Supervisor to recommend for a vote with the Town Board.

The Commission discussed the role and duties of its officer positions. Ms. Schulz agreed to create a draft description of each officer position for consideration by the Commission.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10.40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Schulz