

Town of Marbletown

Historic Preservation Commission

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Harry Hansen
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Marjorie Shelley
Laura Shane Cunningham

Rich Parete, Town Supervisor
Susan Sprachman, Town Board Liaison

Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission
February 8, 2020 Meeting,
Rondout Municipal Center

Present:

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Anthony DiGuiseppe, Co-Chair
Marian McCorkle-Beckerman, Vice Chair
Doug Adams, Commissioner
Kathy Schulz, Commissioner
Harry Hansen, Commissioner
Laura Cunningham, Associate Commissioner
Claudine Brenner, Secretary
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Excused: Marjorie Shelley, Commissioner

1. Call to order, Quorum, Review of Agenda and Minutes. Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The presence of a quorum was noted, and the agenda reviewed. The Commission reviewed the minutes of the last meeting (1/11/20). With no edits, the minutes of the January 11, 2020 meeting were approved.
2. Town update: Ms. Sprachman briefed the Commission on town business: The Grady park is still on standstill; the town board is waiting to see what people want before making any further decisions. Regarding the Cottekill Road park: Town Board Members Foote and Sprachman met with SUNY President, Roberts and the chairman of the board to make sure they understood the opposition. The college is, as required by SUNY, conducting a full review of their program and facilities.
3. Solar farm application: Ms. McCorkle advised that an application for a ground mounted solar photovoltaic system near the Kripplebush Historic District was received. The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) reviewed the project and stated: "It is OPRHP's opinion that the project will have No Adverse impact upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State and National Register of Historic Places." It was noted the panels would not be visible from the road. Commission members agreed to decline the lead agency role, and to write the Planning Board regarding the site plan and how the viewshed may impact the historic district.

4. Survey: Mr. Hunt introduced the opportunity for a new NYS CLG grant to expand the reconnaissance surveying of 20th century homes. The proposal, along with the annual report, is due April 3rd. We would again need town matching funds to have a competitive proposal. Ms. Sprachman volunteered to assist in grant writing following Hunt's consultation with SHPO. A 20th century consultant to lead the survey needs to be identified. A few discrepancies noted from the Marbletown survey need to be corrected.
5. SHPO Conference: Adams, DiGuiseppe, Cunningham, Hansen, and Schulz plan on attending the March NY Statewide Preservation Conference in Syracuse, NY. Hunt reported Supervisor Parete's commitment for the town to support the attendance of commissioners.
6. A power point presentation of the survey to the town board is expected to take place in April, with a presentation to the community at a later date.
7. Other business: Sprachman related correspondence from three people interested in applying for landmark consideration of their homes. Ms. Cunningham presented additional historic evidence on the Vivekananda Retreat on Leggett road.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM. The next meeting will be held March 14 at 09:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudine Brenner