



**Town Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

**This regular meeting was held via Zoom, at the Rondout Municipal Center and began at 6:00pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and Supervisor Parete lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Parete took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present via Zoom

Councilwoman Foote – Present via Zoom

Councilman LaFera – Present via Zoom

Councilman Stewart – Present via Zoom

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present via Zoom

**Also, Present:** Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Tracy Kellog; Attorney (via Zoom)

**PRESENTATION: HISTORIC DESIGNATION; ROOSA FARMHOUSE, 200 BONE HOLLOW ROAD**

- Anthony DiGuiseppe, Chairman of the Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission, and the owner of the Roosa Farmhouse at 200 Bone Hollow Road, provided a presentation and history of the property. Mr. DiGuiseppe and the HPC have requested that this property be landmarked as a historic designation. The Town Board held a public hearing, which is still open, until we hear back from the Ulster County Planning Board.
- The farmhouse is classified as a Dutch colonial stone house built in 1740. It has always been a private residence. There is a privy on the property behind the house, which may have been rebuilt in the early 1900's.
- Gardens surround the property and in one garden they have found Dutch artifacts, brown broken up pottery.
- In 1967 an addition was put on the side as an outdoor porch. The garage was built in the 1970's and a pool and pool house were added in 2005.
- The foundation is made up of field stone and concrete. The roof is cedar shingles which were replaced in 2006.
- The home contains a full basement, with a summer kitchen fireplace.
- The house is heated by oil fired hot air, in addition to oil fired hot water cast iron radiators.
- If anyone would like a copy of the full Marbletown Landmark Designation Application please reach out to Town Clerk Moody or the Marbletown Historic Preservation.
- Councilman LaFera asked about the benefits of landmarking the house? Mr. DiGuiseppe responded that it is an honor to live in a historic home, plus you are eligible for a historical tax credit for renovation work you do on your historical house. This is a process. There is a 40% tax credit towards the homeowner's federal income tax. 40% of the cost includes attorney's fees, architectural and engineering fees, and cost

of construction. 5% has to be spent on exterior work. You also have to be in a qualified census tract. You are a custodian of history of Marbletown. Landmark designation is always voluntary.

- Supervisor Parete provided his phone number out for anyone wanting to call on provide any public comments. No one called in. The public hearing will be open until December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **MEETING MINUTES:**

Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hunt to approve the meeting minutes from the 11/17/20 town board meeting. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION#107-2020: HIGH FALLS WATER OPERATIONS CONTRACT**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman LaFera:

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 Town of Rosendale and Town of Marbletown signed a contract with Environmental Consultants, LLC of PO Box 3148 Poughkeepsie, NY to manage the Rosendale Water District, Rosendale Sewer District and High Falls Water District, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to hire another ½ full time person with Environmental Consultants to help get the work done, and

**WHEREAS**, Environmental Consultants has included an updated pricing proposal reflecting this which has been attached and made a part hereof, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to approve the adjustment to the contract with Environmental Consultants and sign said quote; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall become effective upon its passage by the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale and the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Stewart                      Voting Aye

Councilman LaFera                      Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote                      Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt                      Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete                      Voting Aye

**5-0; Resolution #107-2020** was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said the Towns had moved to using Environmental Consultants, LLC after long time Water Superintendent Terry Johnson retired. The Towns had interviewed a candidate that had both their water and sewer licenses, unfortunately that candidate said “no”.
- Councilman Hunt pointed out that more research should be done in 2021 on the best options for the town moving forward.

### **RESOLUTION#108-2020: SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION BY THE O&W RAIL TRAIL COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES, OF WHICH THE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN IS A MEMBER, FOR THE APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL'S 2021/22 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO COMPLETE A SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING PLAN FOR THE CONTIGUOUS TRAIL KNOWN AS THE O&W RAIL TRAIL IN ULSTER COUNTY AND REQUEST THE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN SERVE AS LEAD MUNICIPALITY FOR SAID UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM SHOULD IT BE AWARDED.**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Hunt and seconded by Councilman LaFera:

**WHEREAS**, the O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities adopted, as required, a plan which guides its actions, and

**WHEREAS**, this plan calls for the comprehensive signage and wayfinding plan, for the trail known as the

O&W Rail Trail, in Ulster County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ulster County Transportation Council has issued a call for planning projects to be included in its 2021/22 Unified Planning Work Program, and the Town has determined that this program would enable the Town of Marbletown to retain resources in support of such a comprehensive signage and wayfinding plan, in support of the Coalition, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town intends to seek or provide its share of funding to implement elements of the comprehensive signage and wayfinding plan upon its successful completion.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown support the submission by the O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities, of which the Town of Marbletown is a member, of an application for inclusion in the Ulster County Transportation Council's 2021/22 Unified Planning Work Program to complete a signage and wayfinding plan for the trail lands of the O&W Rail Trail in Ulster County; with the Town of Marbletown acting as lead municipality for the O&W Rail Trail Coalition of Municipalities. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**5-0**; Resolution #108-2020 was thereupon adopted.

**OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:**

- Tom Konrad, Chair of the Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission provided a presentation of the 100% Renewable Energy Pledge. (link can be found on the Marbletown.net/ECC webpage). The pledge is a way resident can commit to 100% renewable energy when it is possible. There is no financial commitment up front. A few of the areas outlined in the pledge are community and home solar, insulation and air sealing, lighting, appliances, and electric vehicle charging stations.
- There will be a Zoom meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> which will assist residents in walking through the process for the 100% Renewable Energy Plan.
- Supervisor Parete announced that Larry Shelton had died, and he took a moment to recognize his services to the Community.
- Supervisor Parete announced that the food pantry was still providing a lot of foods to local families in need and please donate when you can.
- Councilwoman Foote said that the town is still looking for volunteers to join the Marbletown Preservation and Investment Commission. Anyone interested should send their information to Councilwoman Foote.
- Supervisor Parete said they received a sales tax check for \$57,000, which is about 2.7% higher than last year at this time.

**Motion to adjourn:** There being no further discussion Councilman LaFera made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Hunt 5-0; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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