

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008 AT VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**Roll call.**

Members Present: Hannelore Renud  
Josephine Bracken-Chairwoman  
Sandra Ward

Others Present: Warren Berbit-Village Attorney

Members Absent: Valerie Rainford  
Chantal Schwartz-Ad Hoc  
Wayne Leone

Others Absent: Craig Long-Village Historian

Recording Secretary: Shelly Flanagan-Ramos-Deputy Village Clerk

**Resolution: 08-009**

Village of Montebello (HPC)

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of October 22, 2008 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Renud

Second: Member Ward

Motion was carried by all.

Members feel the keystones located on the top of the windows of the renovated Fant Cottage are not in keeping with the architecture of the original structure. They are period inappropriate. Chairwomen Bracken will call and then follow up with a letter to the builder (Mr. Amona) advising of either changing or removing the keystones.

Mr. Pfaff, the HPC architect, submitted a checklist review form (see attached) for each individual project before the HPC, this form will help Members keep track of the project while in its development stages. Members feel there is a major step in the Certificate of Appropriateness application being missed in the stages of development. The builder may have to contact the HPC when finished with one stage before they are ready to proceed onto another stage of the project. Members need to speak with Attorney Berbit regarding this matter and figure out what the important stages would be.

Chairperson Bracken is upset some members of the HPC are not in attendance.

Discussion on the Architectural Review Board per the Code of the Village of Montebello. Discussion on various projects being constructed in the Village. Members feel the Architectural Review Board a.k.a Planning Board should be more involved in the building process when these projects start to take shape. Attorney Berbit recommends the Building Department being more involved with the HPC because it is the department doing the inspections. Members discuss the Monsey Jewish Center project; there are issues with the approved site plan. Discussion on the Rio Vista project.

Chairwomen Bracken questions the interior of the Johnson Farm house. She wondered if the owners have kept up with the maintenance inside, it seems nothing has been done with the property or structure since it was deemed a historic district.

Member Ward is a member of the Comprehensive Plan Review Commission revising the 2003 Master Comprehensive Plan; she asks the HPC to submit comments for the Commission's next meeting. Discussion ensued.

The HPC would like to meet with the Planning Board on December 2, 2008 for a workshop to discuss how both boards can work together in these processes.

Member Ward motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., Member Renud seconded, motion carried.