

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009 AT VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Josephine Bracken-Chairwoman
Lisa Levin
Kathryn Cupak- Ad Hoc (arrived late)
Lois Williams
Sandra Ward

Members Absent: Hannelore Renud

Others Present: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney (left at 7:40 p.m.)
Craig Long-Village Historian

Recording Secretary: Shelly Flanagan-Ramos-Deputy Village Clerk

Resolution: 09-005

Village of Montebello (HPC)

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of October 28, 2009 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Williams

Second: Member Ward

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously

Jill Fisher from Larson Fisher Associates was in attendance to discuss the first phase of the Architectural Survey project. She noted she is very excited to get started. She visited Village Hall, the Rockland County Historical Society and the Suffern Library, but did not get a chance to start any field work yet. Resources were acquired and information was collected on specific property, she will start reviewing it all. She is going to work with Craig Long to get a background of Montebello.

Chairperson Bracken has concern as to how long Phase I will take. Ms. Fisher stated there is not a lot to be done in Phase I, its all a matter of collecting data, should be finished by the end of December, field work will start after that. Craig Long loaned Ms. Fisher for reproduction, a 1854 Map of Rockland County produced by Beers, French and Woods, a 1911 map of the school districts in the Town and a 2005 map of the Village of Montebello. These maps will prove useful in land marking sites to get started. She will email progress reports periodically.

Chairperson Bracken and members are concerned about the Bayard Lane portion on Montebello. They felt this area is of historical significance and are worried about demolition of homes and re-building. They would like Ms. Fisher to start in this area.

Discussion on the Ryan Mansion and Rio Vista project. Chairperson Bracken is very pleased with the visual aspect of the first building that has been built. It compliments the Ryan Mansion superbly. Member Williams agreed it looked like a mini-mansion. The exterior of these buildings were looked at very carefully by members.

Discussion on the Farm House on Viola Road. Chairperson Bracken would like Ms. Fisher to give Members some clues as to how to interest the public in historic preservation and by being more aware of their surroundings.

Chairperson Bracken noted she will be away for a few months, but would like Ms. Fisher to send the progress reports to Member Renud and Member Cupak. They will be in touch with Dodie who will stay on top of everything.

The Village Attorney recommended that the reports be emailed to all members. Mr. Berbit had to leave at 7:40 p.m. to open the Community Center for the Park Commission's meeting.

Member Cupak arrived. The Commission is interested in placing historical significance on Member Ward's home located at 175 Montebello Road. Ms. Fisher mentioned a news release being put in the paper to notify residents that she may be visiting their property and taking pictures. Chairperson Bracken stated she put an article in the newsletter about the survey, but will speak to the Village Clerk about possibly putting notification in the local newspapers. Ms. Fisher will email this news release that she normally gives to her clients, to Shelly.

Craig Long asked Ms. Fisher "if Neil Larson will be coming down with her?" Jill replied "not right away, but he will get more involved toward the end of the project".

The next meeting of the HPC will be January 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Member Ward to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Cupak. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm