

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009 AT VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Josephine Bracken-Chairwoman
Hannelore Renud
Lisa Levin
Wayne Leone
Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney

Members Absent: Sandra Ward
Kathryn Cupak- Ad Hoc

Others Absent: Craig Long-Village Historian

Resolution: 09-002

Village of Montebello (HPC)

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of February 25, 2009 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Renud

Second: Member Leone

Upon vote, the Resolution was carried by all

Chairperson Bracken read the February minutes. Members discussed the content from the minutes. Attorney Berbit arrived a few minutes into the onset of the meeting.

Lisa Levin, a resident of 19 Par Road who was appointed to the Commission introduced herself. She was very happy when she heard there was an open seat, she has been a member of the Rockland Historic Society for approximately 3 years. After hearing her impressive background, members welcomed her.

Chairperson Bracken reviewed the various properties that have been granted Historic Designation. The Johnson farmhouse on Viola Road, for which there is concern with its appearance. In the past, tenants had left furniture on the front porch; which looked terrible; they removed it after a letter was sent. Members are concerned that these properties will fall into disrepair. Also, discussed was the Fant Farm project, Montebello Park Ryan Mansion and Village Hall. Chairperson Bracken asked Attorney Berbit who would be responsible to notify new property owners in the event a Historic Landmark/district piece of property is sold? He indicated that this would come up when Title was searched, but it would be a good idea to send a letter. Discussion continued regarding the Village's Certified Local Government status and the Grant we were approved for, but not received as of yet. Once the grant money is received the Commission will proceed with getting an Architectural Historian to start the process of surveying the homes. The Village's selection as a Tree City was also discussed.

Chairperson Bracken thanked Member Renud for writing the HPC newsletter article. Member Ward will do the next article, followed by Member Levin.

Discussion on the new congregation on Montebello Road. Members were very impressed with the architectural design of the building as well as the beautiful rock wall constructed along Montebello Road. However, there is great concern with traffic entering and exiting Montebello Road from this site. Mr. Berbit confirmed that Montebello Road was to be ingress, only.

Chairperson Bracken displayed an article from the New York Times about the New York Botanical Gardens which she thought was very instructive.

Member Renud motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., Member Leone seconded, and the motion was carried by all.