

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 AT THE MONTEBELLO VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Josephine Bracken-Chairperson
Hannelore Renud
Kathryn Cupak
Lois Williams
Rosemary Mocio-Ad Hoc

Members Absent: Lisa Levin

Others Absent: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney
Craig Long-Village Historian

Shelly Flanagan-Ramos-Transcriber of Minutes

Resolution: 11-010

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of June 22, 2011, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Renud

Second: Member Williams

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Chairman Bracken noted that the proposed House and Garden Tour is not coming together as planned.

An email was sent out to garden club members requesting that members who are interested in helping plan the event get in touch with her, and, only one person responded. Upon speaking with another garden club member she was told that they did not join the garden club to do work. Chairman Bracken noted that if the Tour was going to be a success the HPC needed as many bodies as possible and it does not look as if there is going to be cooperation or good participation being shown from this club. She thought it would be best to table the Tour preparation at this point; maybe in the future it could be started again.

Member Cupak questioned the Commission's annual budget that they worked on last September and wondered if it had passed. Members would like to know how much money they actually have that they are able to spend. It was requested that in the future when the budget is passed, a formal letter be sent to the HPC regarding how much they have so they know how much funding there is to work with. Member Cupak would like to know where the proceeds go from the sale of the Historic Preservation Survey Booklet and questioned where the monies are from previous sales.

Members voiced their opinion regarding "volunteering" their time with the HPC but not having any real authority with decisions and outcomes, some felt they are not respected by certain Boards of the Village.

Discussion ensued on obtaining historical markers to be placed at historical sites throughout the Village. Members would like to use some of the money budgeted from last year's budget for this project.

Chairman Bracken and members discussed the Certified Local Government Grant Application for FY2012, and did not have any ideas for grant projects at this time. Therefore, they will skip on filing an application this year.

Discussion on how very challenging it is to find homeowners that want to historically designate their homes. There was mention of contacting the homeowner at #11 Mile Road to see if they were interested. Members are waiting for the homeowners at #12, #35, and #42 Bayard Lane to submit their additional data, letters were sent requesting this information, and once received, there will be further discussion on designating this area as a historic district.

Member Renud suggested sending a mass mailing out the residents asking who would be interested in designation.

At the next meeting Chairman Bracken would like to ask the Village Historian Craig Long and Village Attorney Warren Berbit for guidance with choosing the next potential home for designation.

Chairman Bracken mentioned that there was an article in the Sunday Church Bulletin regarding the Catholic Church fixing up the Marydell property on 38 Montebello Road for the nuns. There will be a new name associated with the property, something like, Sisters of Charity.

There were errors that were found in the Historical Survey Booklet that was performed by Larson Fisher Associates. It was requested that the incorrect data be corrected before other copies are printed.

The Commission needs time to prepare their newsletter article, it was requested they be informed two weeks prior to publication that an article is due. Below is a list of what seasons the newsletters will be printed and which commission member will write said article.

Winter 2011	> Member Renud	Fall 2012	> Member Williams
Spring 2012	> Member Cupak	Winter 2012	> Member Levin
Summer 2012	> Member Mocio		

Several members were upset that they were not given advance notice to have a table at Montebello Day. Last year they had a great day and the event was a success. Member Williams stated Mayor Oppenheim personally invited her when they met in the Community Garden; she attended for approximately half of an hour.

Member Mocio pointed out that the Commission should be more proactive and pay attention as to when these events take place.

Members decided to hold their October meeting at the Suffern Free Library at 7:00 p.m., as there will be a presentation by instructor Bob Goldberg entitled: History Happened Here, There and Over There. Mr. Goldberg will discuss interesting and fascinating stories buried in Rockland County's rich history.

At 8:10 p.m. Member Renud made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Member Williams, motion carried by all.