

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012 AT THE MONTEBELLO VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Rosemary Mocio-Acting Chairperson
 William Ellsworth
 Dorice Madronero
 William Smith
 Matthew Moetzinger

Others Present: Craig Long- Village Historian

Members Absent: Lisa Levin-Chairperson

Others Absent: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney

 Shelly Flanagan-Ramos-Deputy Village Clerk -Transcriber of Minutes

Resolution: 12-005

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of August 22, 2012, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Ellsworth

Second: Member Smith

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Acting Chairperson Mocio mentioned that the Village Board would like to approve funding and wording on the Village Hall marker. She asked Historian Craig Long if he had updated information on what the price may be and what the description may read. He responded he is awaiting a phone call from Sandra Ward, a village resident and descendant of the family who actually lived in the home, he would like to obtain additional historic information; he will have the wording and a proposal at the next meeting, although he estimated the price to be

approximately \$1700.00. Mr. Long suggested that after Sandra Ward reviews the wording an email will be sent to Commission members so they can take a look at it.

The Village ordered historical markers from The Foundry in the past so they already have the village logo. The marker will mirror the Rockland County Historical Society markers.

Members had anticipated using residual monies from the 2011 budget to pay for the village hall marker, but were advised they are unable to do so.

In the 2012 budget for the HPC \$2700.00 was approved by the Village Board.

Member Moetzing asked other members if they thought the Village Board would be amenable to building in a 10% cushion in the budget in case the HPC exceeded their amount.

Chairperson Mocio stated she would ask the Village Board how they felt.

It was suggested to add a line item "Archival Supplies" to the HPC Budget in the amount of \$250.00.

Member Madronero spoke with Deputy Mayor Millman on Montebello Day regarding having access to one of the glass cabinets in the foyer of the Montebello Community Center to place historic artifacts, images and such. Possible rotating the items every now and then so different things could be displayed. Mr. Millman had stated that he would bring up the idea at the Village Board meeting.

Member Madronero gave a brief summary of what transpired at Montebello Day. Two members brought artifacts; the artifacts were presented and discussed at the meeting. Member Ellsworth bought a copy of an old survey from 29 Mile Road printed in 1973 showing an old barn. Several residents who dropped by the HPC table showed interest in the Commission. Chairperson Levin to follow up with those interested. The weather was great.

Madronero expressed concern about people who may visit the center and the artifacts or images disappearing and also possible holding the HPC meetings at the Center from now on. Member

Madronero stated that at one time Attorney Berbit had said that all the other village boards conduct their meetings there. Members thought it would be easier.

Member Ellsworth made a motion to start holding Historic Preservation meetings at the Community Center, members agreed, but Historian Long suggested speaking to the Village Clerk first to find out if this was possible. There may be other conflicting meetings taking place at the same time. Members agreed, and amended the motion to include changing the meeting venue to the Montebello Community Center subject to checking on availability.

Discussion ensued on which day would be good for everyone. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Mocio mentioned that Chairperson Levin attended the Village Board meeting in June and asked the Village Board if it was possible for the HPC to be kept involved with the new restructure design of the Montebello Bridge. Mayor Oppenheim recommended she contact County Legislature Alden Wolfe. Attorney Berbit stated the Montebello Bridge is listed in the Village of Montebello Reconnaissance-Level Historic Resource Survey as a historical structure, and suggested Chairman Levin use that research as back up when speaking to Mr. Wolfe about the replacement/repairs of the Bridge.

Ms. Mocio did not know if Ms. Levin has had a chance to speak with him yet. She suggested Ms. Levin also speak with Member Bill Smith as well since he is an architect. Member Smith stated he will find out who the County is dealing with design wise. He also stated he found a missing "cap" from the bridge that was atop a pillar. It was laying in the creek, he is going to fish it out and leave it on his lawn.

Members expressed hope that the bridge does not resemble the new bridge on Mayer Drive. Mr. Long had heard it may resemble the bridge in the area of Wesley Chapel Road in Wesley Hills. Mr. Long stated he has spoken with Skip Vezzetti, at the County Highway Department and that it is cost prohibited to build a bridge to resemble the old bridge. He indicated that the new bridge had to meet traffic standards of today, but did not think there was going to be sidewalks on both sides.

Mr. Long mentioned that he chairs the Rockland County Historic Preservation Commission which Mr. Skip Vezzetti is a member of, and Mr. Vezzetti is well aware that the Village of Montebello has great interest in how this bridge is replaced/repared.

Member Smith would like to see the architectural drawings of the proposed bridge. He has seen representatives in the area around the bridge doing tests and checking the pilings. Hopefully some of the material can be reused on the new bridge, He indicated that designing and rebuilding this bridge is going to be very, very involved and take a long time. Members would like to find out who designed the original bridge. The Historian gave a brief summary of the history detail he knew of.

Acting Chairperson Mocio will speak with Chairperson Levin and let her know what was discussed. Mr. Long recommended a meeting be set up with County representatives to attend the next scheduled HPC meeting. He will make the arrangements. Members were receptive to the idea and are looking forward to the meeting. They would like to invite the Village Board.

Acting Chair asked if the bridge could be historically designated. Mr. Long stated that because the bridge is County owned they will have final say if they wanted it to be officially designated. It would be in the best interest of the Commission to speak with the Village Attorney with the matter. Members would like to preserve some of the materials from the bridge if they are going to discarded.

New Business:

Member Ellsworth brought up the subject of Ground Penetrating Radar ("GPR"), which is a geophysical method that uses radar pulses to image the subsurface. He thought it may be interesting for anyone that has property and thought there may be something buried on it to find it. Craig Long stated the Village hired Paul Baker out of Connecticut a while ago to do research on the Sherwood Cemetery on Viola Road. Possibly Mr. Baker could bring his equipment and do research on properties. Questions arose regarding price, maybe Mr. Baker would give a group rate if a lot of residents were interested. Ms. Mocio suggested placing something in the newsletter. Mr. Ellsworth mentioned this to Chairperson Levin in passing and she thought it may be a good idea.

A motion was made by Member Madronero and seconded by Member Ellsworth to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.

Meeting ends 8:45 p.m.