

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012 AT THE MONTEBELLO VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45 PM, ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Lisa Levin-Chairperson
Rosemary Mocio
Matthew Moetzinger

Others Present: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney

Members Absent: William Ellsworth
Dorice Madronero
William Smith

Others Absent: Craig Long-Village Historian

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

Resolution: 12-006

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of October 3, 2012, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Mocio

Second: Member Moetzinger

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Chairperson Levin stated that the HPC 2013 budget was approved by the Village Board. The Commission now has a budget for brochures, house speakers, reprints of the survey booklet, monies for the "found items" project and preservation memberships.

The \$4,000.00 requested for historical markers will come from the Parks and Recreation account instead of the HPC budget line. The Village Clerk advised Chairperson Levin that before a historical marker is ordered, the Commission is to obtain written quotes and submit to the Village Board. The Village Board approves the verbiage and cost.

Member Mocio asked what is happening with the Village Hall marker.

Ms. Levin stated that Village Historian Craig Long was supposed to show Attorney Berbit paperwork but has not done so yet. Attorney Berbit wanted to give input on the verbiage. This will be done shortly as the Commission would like to approach the Village Board as soon as possible for approval.

Chairperson Levin reported on the Montebello Road Bridge.

Historian Long had stated at a previous meeting that he would like to have Skip Vezzetti, a representative from the County attend an HPC meeting. Mr. Vezzetti felt that attending a meeting to speak about the bridge was premature at this point because nothing has been decided as of yet. There are various issues with the re-design/re-building process and it was stated by the County that the cost to replicate the bridge is cost prohibitive.

Mr. Long told Chairperson Levin that Mr. Vezzetti is a member of the Rockland County Historical Board and is very mindful of the character and historical significance of this bridge. He is very sensitive to how the Commission feels about the rebuilding of this bridge. He will give input of the historic nature when the design is being reviewed. Chairperson Levin suggested sending a letter to Mr. Vezzetti and County Legislator Alden Wolfe requesting to have a discussion once the process is further along, once they know more about the design. A letter will be sent to these gentlemen requesting that when they are at a certain point in the process they inform the Commission.

Attorney Berbit suggested proceeding carefully as the Village does not have any responsibility or jurisdiction over this project. There should be an environmental review by the County.

New Business:

CLG Grant Project FY2013.

Chairperson Levin asked everyone to read over the guidelines and application from the State. Attorney Berbit strongly recommended that the HPC make contact with Lorraine Weiss of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to discuss any proposed project that may be chosen.

Attorney Berbit suggested obtaining a copy of the previous grant application that was submitted for the architectural survey. It may be of some guidance. Chairperson Levin will request this from the the Deputy Clerk.

Members will think about good ideas for proposed projects and continue discussion at the next meeting.

Member Moetzinger, his wife and two children residing at 2 Fant Farm Road, an historically designated property led to a discussion about the Fant Farm property. Mr. Moetzinger stated that at the main house, at 253 Spook Rock Road, there are five Ramapo College seniors living there, and at times there is a lot of noise.

Members questioned Mr. Berbit if there are realistic expectations that the Village Board would match funds for another project, since just doing so a few years back on the historical survey project. Mr. Berbit stated if the project was exciting enough, perhaps, especially if Commission obtains a substantial grant.

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Discussion ensued on Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Berbit wondered if anyone knew of any structural damage or trees that may have fallen on any of the old homes in the Village. Member Moetzinger stated a large spruce came down at 255 Spook Rock Road. There are approximately 6-7 trees that came down between #245 and #253 Spook Rock.

Discussion on the Suffern/Montebello area and what it must have been like to grow up around here many years ago. Member Mocio and Chairperson Levin wished they could have grown up in the area.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.