

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013 AT THE MONTEBELLO VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM, ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Lisa Levin–Chairperson
William Smith
Rosemary Mocio
William Ellsworth
Matthew Moetzing

Members Absent: Dorice Madronero

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

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

Resolution: 13–001

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of November 28, 2012, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Ellsworth

Second: Member Moetzing

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Historian Long is not in attendance, therefore, Chairman Levin postponed discussion regarding the verbiage of the HPC marker for Village Hall, she believed that Mr. Long had not spoken to Attorney Berbit about the issues as of date. This will be tabled until next month.

Chairman Levin noted that when the CLG grant application was presented to her she thought would be a great idea that the Commission start fresh, from square one so to speak, and suggested "CAMP" training. This is a Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program. The training sessions are based on four fundamental elements: legal framework of public preservation, identifying and protecting historic resources, commission role and responsibilities and public support and outreach. This program can be tailored to meet the needs of the Commission specifically.

Members felt they could use the guidance and training, Member Ellsworth stated it could help the group look more professional when handling applications that may be presented to them.

A representative from the National Alliance of Historic Preservation suggested that Ms. Levin reach out to the Chairperson of a historic commission in Tacoma, Washington, they have a commission of similar size and have recently completed the one day CAMP training session. She will advise on what transpires.

Time is of the essence as the CLG Grant application is due on January 15, 2013.

The grant would not cover the entire 100% of the cost for the training; the village would be required to cover the 40% difference. Members hoped there would be enough in their 2013 Budget. Ms. Levin will email Mr. Berbit to inquire how he felt the Village Board would feel about expending money for this purpose. After the monies are determined she will advise the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and they will work out a program to fit the Commission's needs. Members discussed the different topics to choose from and the services that are provided from the Alliance. The Alliance has staff/speakers in all aspects of historic preservation.

Discussion ensued regarding the Montebello Road Bridge and the proposed design. Member Smith noted that the County is spending a lot of money on the retaining walls and widening roadway/bridge on New Hempstead Road by the County Sheriff's Department. His point was that someone made a decision on that project, and maybe they should take the Montebello Bridge into consideration. Members would like to have a meeting with the County about the bridge before any decisions are made about finalizing the bridge plans, Ms. Levin stated the Village does not have a say in the matter. Village Historian Craig Long had reiterated this at past meetings.

There is frustration among members with regard to replacing this bridge.

A motion was made by Member Mocio and seconded by Member Ellsworth to apply for CAM training on the CLG Grant.

All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Member Smith would like to budget for a brochure and send out a mass mailing in the form of a brochure advising residents that the village has a Historic Preservation Commission, and reminding the residents of the history in Montebello, (i.e. the bridges, red barns and rock

Member Ellsworth recommended an excerpt in the newsletter letting residents know that the bridge is not going to be repaired, but replaced.

Member Smith suggested setting money aside for an archeological dig in the area in the future. Member Mocio thought this was an interesting idea.

The next article for the newsletter will be on the Montebello Road Bridge. A letter should be sent to Skip Vezzetti asking about an update on the bridge. The letter should be sent to Al Wolfe as well. Chairperson Levin will speak to Craig Long before a letter is sent. Member Smith would like to be involved in the discussions.

Mr. Smith is very concerned about his property and the properties that abut this bridge. When the County starts the replacement process it is going to be drawn out and very messy. He felt that property values are going to be diminished due to the road widening from this bridge.

Member Smith lives in the area of the Montebello Rd. Bridge, and he described the deterioration of this bridge before the hurricane hit. In his opinion the steel was the only thing that needed to be reinforced underneath, but after the hurricane it was damaged too far.

Ms. Levin had spoken with Lorraine Weiss from the NYS Office of Historic Preservation. She will call her to discuss the CLG Grant application.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.