

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013 AT THE MONTEBELLO VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN.

Roll call.

Members Present: Lisa Levin-Chairperson
William Smith
Rosemary Mocio
Dorice Madronero
William Ellsworth

Members Absent: Matt Moetzing

Others Present: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney

Others Absent: Craig Long-Village Historian

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

Members were quite concerned that the Planning Board gave approval to the developer at Fant Farm Lane to combine Lot 17 & 18 into one lot and create a new Lot in the view shed, between Lot 10 and 11. They wondered why they were asked to give their input when it was not really considered. Chairman Levin stated it was just a formality process, members wondered what the "point" was.

Resolution: 13-005

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of June 26, 2013, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Madronero

Second: Member Mocio

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Chairman Levin asked Attorney Berbit if he knew what was happening with the marker at Village Hall. Historian Craig Long was working on this and he is not in attendance. Mr. Berbit responded he did not know.

He mentioned that the developer of Fant Farm, Mr. Amona, was not proceeding with his application on the subdivision approval at this time in the form mentioned. Members were elated, and he went on state that if and when Mr. Amona does proceed the Planning Board will take the HPC comments into consideration, and it will be by splitting off a lot in the rear corner. Members felt better knowing that their voices will be heard.

Chairman Levin spoke with Arlene Miller in the Rockland County office regarding the CAMP training sessions. There are two dates to choose from, either Friday April 25, 2014, or Friday, May 2, 2014. Members choose to have the training class on May 2.

Member Mocio makes a motion to have the training class on Friday May 2, 2013, Seconded by Member Ellsworth, upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

Depending on the amount of people in attendance for the class, the session will probably take place at the Montebello Community Center. Chairmen Levin will get the contract all settled. If for any reason the date changes she will let the members know.

Member Madronero asked if the the HPC could extend the invitation to the County Planning Federation Agency if there was room in the class. Chairman Levin will find out.

Discussion ensued on the topics that will be discussed at the training session.

Member Madronero spoke on the issue of WPA art murals in a psychiatric center in Orangetown. WPA is a type of federal art. She wondered how well this art would protected if the building was demolished. The murals are about 5 feet high and 80+ feet wide. She heard that the art is going to be destroyed. Ms. Madronero reached out to a few agencies to see if they would be interested in trying to save the murals; she does not know what will end up happening.

Member Madronero offered lengthy discussion on historic preservation within Rockland County as she is a member of the County Historical Board. Member Mocio felt the conversation was very interesting.

She urged Commissioners to go on line and take a look at the murals.

Chairman Levin asked if anyone wanted to write something for the newsletter. Ms. Madronero asked if there were any specific topics to write about and agreed that she could write an article on the perspective of the value of preservation.

Members requested advance notice when they have to write the newsletter.

Member Mocio asked Member Smith if he had seen any activity around the bridge. He had seen utilities companies in the area of the bridge marking the road.

Motion was made by Member Mocio and seconded by Member Smith to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.

Meeting ends 8:30 p.m.