

HPC Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2018

Members present: Matt Moetzinger, Rosemary Moccio, Dorice Madronero, Lisa Levin, Craig Long, Warren Berbit. Bill Ellsworth was absent

Meeting began at 8:10 pm

Old business: Chairperson Levin alerted members to the fact that the HPC was ineligible for a CLG grant this year due to missing minutes on the website and a lack of coordination with the SHPO regarding site visits for file inspection and meeting attendance. Members discussed need to button up the process and coordinate better with Village Clerk to make sure that SHPO has what they need moving forward to reinstate eligibility.

Members discussed the idea of reevaluating HPC mission statement given the dearth of HP designation opportunities (or interest) within the village. Chairperson Levin suggested that main mission at this point might put emphasis on refocusing HPC efforts primarily on education of residents.

Members agreed that due to the fact that for many months the HPC meeting have not been held due to a lack of a quorum, moving forward when there is no quorum, the HPC will hold “unofficial” meetings and post “unofficial” minutes. All members agreed.

Chairperson Levin discussed the inspections of local landmarks and indicated that Larry and Spence Engineering will soon begin scheduling inspections of landmarked buildings and will forward reports to HPC when finished.

Member Moccio asked about the status of the historic artifact display in Community Center. Discussion centered around the fact that we had tabled it due to lack of foot traffic at the time at that location. Mr. Berbit indicated that as the facility is fully-occupied at this point, foot traffic would be considerable to merit installing an exhibit. Members agreed to move forward with acquiring and coordinating artifacts for display. Chairperson Levin and Member Madronero agreed to explore the Historic Resource Room at Suffern Free Library for historic photos related to Montebello for display in Community Center. Members agreed that any historic photos would also be utilized on the website. Members also discussed other areas where we might access historic photos of village resources, including the Suffern Museum, the Hudson River Valley Heritage website (www.hrvh.org), etc.

Mr. Long indicated that past newsletters featured his submissions regarding notable residents/events of Montebello. Members agreed it would be a good idea to create a timeline of sorts on the HPC section of the village website to highlight important individuals and events in Montebello history – a “who’s who” or “who was who” type of narrative to draw attention to notable former residents. Chairperson Levin will follow up with the Village Clerk to locate past newsletters.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25. Motion by Member Moccio/Second by Member Moetzinger