

**Village of Montebello Historic Preservation Commission
April 25, 2018 Minutes (UNOFFICIAL)**

Meeting start: 8:15pm

Members present: Matt Moetzinger, Lisa Levin, Craig Long, Warren Berbit

Members absent: Dorice Madronero, Bill Ellsworth, Rosemary Moccio,

Also present from public: Susan Clark, Jessica Clark (SHS senior attending for Participation in Government class)

Since the meeting is unofficial due to a lack of a quorum, approval of February minutes was tabled until May meeting.

HPC has been given approval by the Village Board to use the showcases in the community center for historic artifact display. Joan Will is locating a key for us so that artifacts are secure. HPC can start to collect and load display as soon as key is received.

Mr. Long showed the signage for the Washington-Rochambeau route markers (W3R) used in New Jersey as an example of what Montebello could do to mark the route in the Village. The markers would indicate that Viola Road within the Village of Montebello is the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, a historic route taken by Rochambeau and his 5,000 French troops marched from Haverstraw to Suffern during the American Revolution. Mr. Long spoke to Skip Vezetti, Highway Superintendent, to indicate that the HPC was looking to mark the historic route. Because Viola Road is a County Road, Mr. Long asked Mr. Vezetti if he would have any objections to Montebello installing signage along the route. Mr. Vezetti had no objections and was very much in favor of it (Mr. Vezetti is a member of the Rockland County Historic Preservation Commission). Village would have to apply for a permit for the sign installations. Mr. Long did not know where the signs could be fabricated. He indicated that he thought the Village of Suffern has a sign shop but he was not sure if they could make them. Mr. Long suggested we ask Jan Burnett, the regional liaison for the W3R about the signs. Mr. Long thinks that the Village of Montebello would seek permission to install the signs along Viola Road but the County would likely put the signs up since they own the road. If the HPC is officially in favor of installing the signs, Mr. Long would get more information about how to proceed. Member Moetzinger suggested that the signs run from Viola Road, down Route 202 to the Suffern border and then suggest that Suffern also install the signs. Mr. Long indicated that Suffern already has W3R plaques that are supposed to be installed in the gazebo area in downtown Suffern. The panels are stored in the Suffern DPW garage. Approval of this project will be tabled until the next HPC meeting.

Chairperson Levin suggested, in addition to the W3R signs, that it also make sense to install a W3R historic marker along Viola Road which would explain what the W3R signs mean and further delineate Viola Road as historic. Discussion will be tabled until the next HPC meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm