

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND PARKS COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 P.M. FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Present:	Lisa Levin	Co-Chairperson
	Amy Rapoport	Co-Chairperson
	Rosemary Mocio	Member
	Bill Ellsworth	Member
	Dorice Madronero	Member
	Robert J. Israel	Member
	Matt Moetzing	Ad Hoc
	Josh Goldstein	Ad Hoc
Warren Berbit	Village Attorney	
Absent	Maureen Danzig	Member
	Tony Piazza	Member
	Howard Hochberg	Member
	Craig Long	Village Historian/HPPC Advisor

Parks Update:

Co-chair Rapoport has been emailing back and forth with Thomas Fantry, Eagle Scout, regarding the KGPP project. She showed a mockup of the entrance and trail signs that he will be producing and installing. She indicated that he has only raised thirty percent of what he needs at this point and is still actively raising funds. She read his email into the record:

“Hi Mrs. Rapoport. I wanted to update you and the board on the progress of my Eagle project. I have received your emails and I am currently fundraising for the project. I have acquired some funds for this project and am still working on getting more. I have about thirty percent of the donations needed. I am doing a fundraiser and pushing from family, friends and community members. If the board has any suggestions for for people who might want to donate, I would be happy to follow up. I will attach my fundraising letter. I’m currently planning on getting daffodil bulbs and would like to plant them in the next few weeks before the fall is over. I would also like to get my volunteers together to clear ones before winter so the weekend in November would be when I would get most of the accomplishment accomplished and then by spring, I would have the funds and order the trail markers. Before I order anything, I would give you and the board a final draft of the markers and the signs for your approval. I will attach that what Hudson Valley gave me so that you can look at it. Please let me know what I have to do to contact the park, the board, schedule my planting of bulbs and trail clearing and steps. Also, if you would prefer me to wait on the trail cleaning, winter may cause changes. The steps for spring I could do that. I would like to plant daffodils though in the fall.”

Co-chair Rapoport indicates that she feels that he should not clear out the steps now since the ground is going to freeze and then he won’t be able to install the new ones until spring. All members agreed. All agreed that he can plant the bulbs now. She will let him know what he should start on and what he should wait to do.

Member Ellsworth asked about the amount he must raise. Co-chair Rapoport responded that he must raise \$3,200 and that he has raised thirty percent. Member Madronero asked if there is a sign in the park regarding an appeal for solicitation of funds for the project and whether it would make sense to put signs near the entrances so that people who use the park might donate. Co-chair Rapoport indicated that we would have to ask the Village first. She will follow up with him but it appears that this will be a longer project than originally anticipated due to time needed for fundraising and then actually doing the work. Member Moetzing mentioned that he helps out with the Eagle Scouts in Suffern and that they might be willing to help with the project.

Member Madronero suggested that we include the trail names and an explanation of the significance of the trail names on the HPPC section of the website.

Co-chair Rapoport asked Mr. Berbit if the Village Board had discussed the planting of shade trees. He indicated that it was discussed in a positive manner. She also stated that Joan Will had emailed her today to ask if the HPPC has a tree committee. Mr. Berbit stated that he already answered her that the entire HPPC is technically the tree committee.

Historic Preservation Update:

Co-chair Levin continued the meeting with discussion and approval of the September 25, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion made to approve September 25, 2019 minutes by Member Ellsworth and seconded by Member Goldstein. Motion carried.

The W3R discussion will be tabled until the November meeting because Mr. Long is not present at the meeting tonight. Mr. Long has any updates regarding the W3R signs and discussion with Skip Vezetti regarding placement.

Member Madronero confirmed that part of the discussion with Mr. Vezetti was also regarding adding signs to roads identified as Historic and Scenic Road Districts. Co-chair Levin indicated that it was meant to be part of Mr. Long's discussion with Mr. Vezetti. The HPPC would also have to approach the state as well with regards to placing the signs on the portion of Route 202 within Montebello.

Co-chair Levin moved on to discussion of Fant Farm condition status. The violations have been discussed by the Village Board at its meeting on October 16, 2019 and they gave the green light to proceed with prosecution for the lack of compliance with the mandate of the landmark property designation. The Village Board accepted the overall status reports for all four landmark properties prepared by Larry Picarrillo and Spence Engineering. Co-chair Levin emphasized the need for the prosecution to be strong since Mr. Amona has ignored multiple violation notices and has allowed the property to continue to deteriorate without any real attempts at remediation.

Discussion moved on to the revision of the HPPC pamphlet. The Deputy Clerk provided members with copies of an updated template for our information so that members can discuss what we'd like to include on the new version. Co-chair Levin indicated that she can help us with the basic layout once we have all of our copy and photos/images set, however, we have to use the planners that the Village uses to create a new map. The HPPC will need to decide what we want featured on the new map so that we can tell the planners and get pricing/timing from them.

Co-chair Levin asked all members to think about what should be featured on the map and what the layout should look like. Mr. Berbit suggested creating a map/pamphlet production subcommittee. Motion made by Member Madronero and seconded Member Mocio. Motion carried. Subcommittee will consist of Co-chair

Levin, Member Madronero and Member Mocio. Prior to the next meeting, they will meet to discuss what should be featured and report back their recommendations to the rest of the HPPC. Co-chair Levin indicated that the Village roads should be featured on the map, however, only the names of the Historic and Scenic road district roads should be featured on the map for now. Members also agreed that we should eliminate all extraneous map elements that are not within the confines of the Village. Mr. Berbit suggested that perhaps the pamphlet could contain a link leading people to a more detailed map on the website. Descriptions of the notable historic properties should be expanded upon. Member Madronero suggested that the map should also highlight the stone walls. Pamphlet might also include notation that Montebello is a "Tree City" and a "Certified Local Government" with the logos of each distinction. Members will discuss the pamphlet specifics further at the next meeting.

With no further discussion, motion to close meeting was made by Member Madronero, seconded by Member Goldstein. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.