

The 2025 Montebello Historic Preservation and Parks Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at the Village Hall, One Montebello Road, Montebello, NY. Chairman Moetzinger called the meeting to order at **7:07 p.m.** and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	Matt Moetzinger Lisa Levin Rosemary Mocio Bill Ellsworth Dorice Madronero	Chairperson Member Member Member Member
Also Present:	Warren Berbit	Village Attorney
Absent:	Craig Long Josh Goldstein	Village Historian Ad Hoc
Recording Secretary:	Angela Spina	Building Clerk

Minutes Approval

Member Mocio made a motion to approve the January 14, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Levin and upon vote, all were in favor.

New Business

Comp Plan 2024 Update

The Comp Plan Committee has thus far met seven times and will next meet on Wednesday February 26, 2025, at 3:30pm. All Commission Members were encouraged to attend the meeting as that committee will be finalizing the changes made to the plan for presentation at a public hearing in March.

Amendments to the plan may include light pollution, truck, automobile and pedestrian traffic, general zoning, home businesses, street parking, and density concerns.

Newsletter

Chairman Moetzinger asked all members to take turns writing an article for the Village of Montebello newsletter. Topics will be explored and decided upon for the author of each article, and a subsequent Commission review will take place prior to publication. All members agreed.

Member Ellsworth mentioned the property at 27A Mile Road and explained that someone came to his home and asked how they could access the property because it was in foreclosure, and they were considering buying it. Member Ellsworth said he soon realized that the property lies behind his own, is comprised mostly of wetlands and has no street access. He suggested that the Village could purchase the property just as it did the two Lake Road parcels to better protect sensitive wetlands.

After some discussion, Member Ellsworth made a motion to request that the Village to look into the matter of 27A Mile Road. Member Mocio seconded the motion and upon vote, all were in favor.

Kathy Gorman Ponds Park (KGPP)

The Commission was made aware the landscapers will be doing a Spring cleanup at KGPP. The Commission discussed additionally asking the landscapers or perhaps litter patrol to remove the litter that is so often thrown into the ponds.

Member Madronero reported that there is an area of the park where the land traverses two ponds and noted that that land is narrowing due to erosion and has become somewhat unsafe. She recommended adding soil to the “land bridge” for pedestrian safety.

Roles of Members

Chairman Moetzinger stated that each Commissioner will be given a specific role in which they will be responsible for areas such as:

- Certificate of Appropriateness and Historic and Scenic Overlay District
- Rock walls and trees
- Formal Historic Designation of properties
- Recreation
- Park Events

Time Capsule

Member Ellsworth stated he purchased a time capsule from Rockland Iron Works and would like to gift it to the Village. The Commission felt that the Village’s 40th anniversary in 2026 would be the perfect time to bury the new time capsule, and to add to the old one.

Motion to Adjournment

At 8:11PM, Member Ellsworth made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Member Madronero. Upon vote, all were in favor.