

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan of the Village of Montebello held a meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at Village Hall, One Montebello Road, Montebello, NY. Chair Golden called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Melanie Golden, Chairperson
Ariel Aufgang, Committee Member
Ezra Bryan, Committee Member
Matthew Moetzinger, Committee Member
Debra Munitz, Committee Member

OTHERS

Jonathan Lockman, Village Planner
Regina Rivera, Planning/Zoning Clerk

ABSENT

Alyse Terhune, Asst. Village Attorney

Meeting Minutes Approval

Member Munitz made a motion to approve the September 25, 2024 comp plan meeting minutes. Member Moetzinger seconded the motion and upon vote, all were in favor.

Chairperson and Planner updates

Mr. Lockman amended the Sustainability element as discussed, e.g. Home Occupation standards were amended. Once everyone amends their assigned chapters, he will knit them together.

Historic & Aesthetic Preservation Element

Member Moetzinger reviewed his revisions with the Committee.

- The HPC was merged with the Parks Commission and is now the Historic Preservation and Parks Commission = HPPC. The Commission was reduced and is now comprised of 5 full members and 2 ad hoc member.
- Scenic & Historic Roads Overlay District was created since 2017; Comp Plan Commission discussed criteria by which the Commission awards certificates of appropriateness.
- Village historic inventory should be updated
- Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (WRRR) markers are in place throughout the village—J. Lockman will look into adding the WRRR map to the new comp plan.
- CLG grants for designated landmarks

Other Historic & Aesthetic topics discussed, including:

Exterior Lighting: While some regulations exist in the code, this can be expanded upon in the comp plan.

Annual presence: Montebello-sponsored events e.g. Jazz Fest or any other Montebello day.

Historic artifacts display cases: Display can be housed either at the Dr. Jeffrey Oppenheim Community Center or Village Hall. Still a recommendation.

Scenic & Historic Road District: May have to be tweaked to include more regulations on tree removals and the 10% natural vegetative buffer requirement. Language should be softened to be less heavy-handed

Montebello Trail: M. Moetzingler will discuss with his Commission, and the concept may remain as an aspirational network.

Next meeting discussions

Community Facilities, Recreation & Open Space Element

Sustainability Element and Stretch Code - E. Bryan will review and make changes

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.