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**Community Preservation Panel January 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Chairperson Chris MacCormick, Jeff Blum, Jim Burkett, Claire Morehouse and Janet Murphy

**Others Present**

**Village Officials:** Clerk Ann Balloni

**Members of the Public:**

**Call to Order:** Mr. MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Changes to the Agenda:** No changes

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Mr. Blum, seconded by Ms. Murphy, the CPP voted to approve the December 5, 2018 minutes.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** No announcements

**Visitor Welcome:** No visitors

**Old Business**

**Application #18-01 from Ed and Christine Brennan for an addendum to their renovation project at 359 Main St to include two outside air conditioning units (Tax Map #181.16-1-20)**

There was no representative for the Brennan's present, but the pictures submitted show two outside units, on the north side of the property.

Mr. MacCormick read a letter (attached) from Bruce & Bonnie Bennett, neighbors to the north, requesting consideration of noise/visual buffers. Mr. MacCormick mentioned that similar residential units are quiet, unlike the commercial unit on the other side of Bennett's property owned by the Inns of Aurora. Mr. Burkett questioned if the panel has any say on a property owner installing air conditioning. Mr. MacCormick replied that they are authorized to consider the appearance of historic properties within the public view. Mr. Blum noted fencing and landscaping around outside appliances on other village properties, but Ms. Murphy questioned if they have jurisdiction in the zoning law to require buffers.

The panel discussed conditioning their approval on the applicant adding landscaping/fencing around the unit but, instead, recommended that the Planning Board advise the applicant to provide some type of buffering during their site plan review of the project as that is under their purview in the zoning law.

On motion by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve the addendum to Application #18-01 with a recommendation to the Village Planning Board that they consider screening/landscaping of the units as part of their site plan review.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**Application #18-39 from the Inns of Aurora for new signs at 283 Main St (Tax Map #182.17-1-4.1)**

The panel expressed frustration that, once again, they are reviewing an application from the Inns of Aurora retroactively due to the applicant ignoring review procedures. A previous sign was also installed without CPP consideration due to different interpretations of the zoning law but, as Mr. MacCormick noted regarding Application #18-29, section 406.A.2.b.8 clearly states that signs painted on a window surface require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

On motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Blum, the CPP voted to, retroactively, approve Application #18-39 as submitted.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Ms. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Blum, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk