

Community Preservation Panel March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 7:00 pm

Present: Christopher MacCormick, Chairperson (arrived 7:22 PM); Jeff Blum,
Claire Morehouse and Janet Murphy

Absent: James Burkett

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Deborah Brooks, ZBA Member Laura Holland, G. Alan Clugston, Charles Minster, David Timm and Crawford and Stearns representative, Ted Bartlett. Special guest: Support Dog in training "Gus Murphy".

Call to Order: Mr. Blum called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Changes to the Agenda: none

Announcements: Ms. Brooks read an email from former Mayor Thomas Gunderson and his wife Maralee expressing their thanks to the Village Board Members for their dedication to serving our community.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Ms. Morehouse, seconded by Ms. Murphy, the CPP voted to approve the January 2, 2019 meeting minutes.

AYES: Murphy, Morehouse, and Blum

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Old Business:

Application #18-01 from Ed and Christine Brennan for an addendum to their renovation project at 359 Main Street to include shutters. (Tax Map #181.16-1-20)

Ms. Brooks informed the Board of the addition of a photo depicting the shutters on the house. Ms. Morehouse noted that the pitch-black color and style was very appropriate for the era of this home.

On motion by Ms. Morehouse, seconded by Ms. Murphy, the CPP voted to approve application #18-01 amendments.

AYES: Murphy, Morehouse, and Blum

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Application #19-01 from Kathy Wray for construction of a single-family home at 33 Wells Road (Tax Map #182.17-1-46)

Ms. Brooks informed the Board that an email from Ms. Wray was received and added to the file today. The email was answering various questions from Ms. Bianconi, PB Chair and Code Officer Doyle, letter dated March 1, 2019, regarding her application. Ms. Murphy added that Ms. Wray was mailing full size plans and they are to arrive on March 18, 2019. Ms. Morehouse questioned setback markings on the drawings submitted and location of any trees on the lot. Ms. Murphy also questioned the placement of the house as the drawings showed the house to be on an angle.

On motion by Ms. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Blum, the CPP voted to accept the preliminary plans and to encourage Ms. Wray to move forward on Application #19-01.

AYES: Murphy, Morehouse, and Blum

NAYS: None

Abstain: Burkett

Motion Carried. (Mr. MacCormick arrived at 7:22 PM)

**Application #19-03 from Aurora Masonic Center for facade restoration at 325 Main Street
(Tax Map #181.16-1-30)**

Mr. Timm, AMC President, noted Mr. Bartlett was presenting the file for review on behalf of the Masonic Center. Mr. Bartlett informed the Board that the work for this phase of the building restoration was limited to the front door area and fixing the drainage. He noted that the grade from Route 90 is too high and several years ago the Masons attempted to correct the situation, but it did not work. Mr. Bartlett explained that they would be digging down further into the ground right in front of the building's foundation and providing proper drainage to move the Route 90 water away from the structure possibly to the north or south properties. In front of the door would be a grassy area to absorb runoff. They still need to finalize their plans for the upcoming Planning Board meeting. He further noted that they planned on providing a ramp area to access the front door over the grass, raise the floor in the vestibule to provide proper ADA flow into the meeting room for disabled persons. There will be metal railings with molded top added to also help gain access safely. The current door will be refurbished and rehung to the original swing inside.

On motion by Mr. Blum, seconded by Ms. Murphy, the CPP voted to approve Application #19-03 and to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. MacCormick complimented them on their plans. Ms. Morehouse asked if they had a completion date. Mr. Timm remarked that it has been a slow process to do paperwork for grant funding. Mr. Minster noted that in August the Lodge will celebrate their 200th anniversary. Ms. Morehouse added that they were also having a Smithsonian exhibit in August.

AYES: Murphy, Morehouse, Blum, and MacCormick

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Application #19-04 from Albert and Jerelyn Martin for a garage renovation at 46 Sherwood Road
(Tax Map #182.09-1-15)**

Mr. MacCormick reviewed the history of the garage for those present. He noted that the floor area of the garage flooded during rainstorms. The project plans are to raise the existing walls up two (2) cinder blocks and repair the dry rot along the bottom sill plate. They will also fix the drainage issue. Mr.

MacCormick also noted that Mr. Martin had sent an email containing photos of the garage floor areas and drawings of the corrected block wall, but they were not part of the file this evening.

On motion by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Blum, the CPP voted to approve Application #19-04 as and to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness.

AYES: Murphy, Morehouse, Blum and MacCormick

NAYS: none

Motion Carried.

Adjournment: On motion by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Morehouse, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

AYES: Murphy, Morehouse, Blum, and MacCormick

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Brooks
Deputy Village Clerk