

Community Preservation Panel October 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse meeting room at 7:00 pm

Present: Chairperson Jim Burkett, Jeff Blum, Chris MacCormick (7:10), Claire Morehouse, and Julia Rossmann

Others Present: Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA member Laura Holland, and Village Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Call to Order: Mr. Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Changes to the Agenda: Mr. Burkett noted that Dr. Schwab is giving a report following New Business.

Approval of Minutes

September 2, 2020 Regular Meeting: On motion by Mr. Blum, seconded by Ms. Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve the September 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, Morehouse, and Rossmann

NAYS: None

ABSENT: MacCormick

Motion carried unanimously.

September 10, 2020 Special Meeting: On motion by Ms. Morehouse, seconded by Ms. Rossmann, the CPP voted to approve the September 10, 2020 special meeting minutes.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, Morehouse, and Rossmann

NAYS: None

ABSENT: MacCormick

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: Ms. Balloni informed the panel that Village Code Enforcement Officer, Patrick Doyle, has resigned. The Village Board hired John Greer to replace Patrick and Patrick has agreed to stay on for at least a one month transition period.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed

New Business

Application #20-11 from Jim Burkett for replacing porch pillars at 405 Main St (Tax Map #181.16-1-3)

Mr. Burkett excused himself from the panel and Mr. MacCormick stepped in as chairperson.

Mr. Burkett submitted a project narrative (attached) noting that the existing wood columns will be replaced with fiberglass. Mr. Burkett explained that the original intent was to replace with wood, but the fiberglass proved more affordable and is a deterrent to their current woodpecker problem.

Mr. MacCormick questioned “retaining original material” per the Village Zoning Law. Mr. Burkett noted that the Tuscan style of the fiberglass columns are almost an exact match and, in the future, wooden columns could again be installed. Mr. MacCormick questioned if the columns will be painted and Mr. Burkett replied that they will be painted white.

On motion by Ms. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Blum, the CPP voted to approve Application #20-11 as submitted.

AYES: Blum, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Burkett
Motion carried.

Application #20-18 from Laura Holland for a new driveway at 323 Main St (Tax Map #181.16-1-27) - Consultation

Ms. Holland described a south entrance, crossing the front yard, and exiting to the current right-of-way. Ms. Holland explained that a front door, one step entrance is more easily accessible by the elderly members of her family and the current north entrance, via the right-of-way, has four steep steps.

Mr. MacCormick noted that this plan was submitted previously and withdrawn. Ms. Holland explained that a permit for a curb cut is required from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and she is prepared to apply to them.

Ms. Morehouse questioned the “tight right angle” to turn onto the right-of-way.

Mr. MacCormick questioned the proximity to the Masonic Center and if buffers are planned.

The panel discussed run-off/drainage concerns and questioned if the grass strip will remain or if water permeable asphalt is considered.

Ms. Holland responded that buffers are required, and the other issues will be addressed once a landscape architect is hired. Ms. Holland acknowledged that her application is incomplete and reiterated that the plans hinge on receiving approval from the NYSDOT.

Village Historian Report: Dr. Schwab submitted *a Summary of Some Recent Archeological Site Examinations in Aurora: Implications for Projects Involving Excavation* (attached).

Dr. Schwab educated the panel on local archeological sites and requested the panel’s consideration on upcoming projects requiring excavation in and around the noted sites.

Adjournment: On motion by Ms. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. MacCormick, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk