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Community Preservation Panel May 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, Planning Board chairperson Pat Bianconi and ZBA member Laura Holland

Inns of Aurora: Roger Brown

Wells College: Doug Whaley and John Snyder of Snyder Architects

Call to Order: Mr. MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Changes to the Agenda: No changes

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Mr. Blum, seconded by Mr. Burkett, the CPP voted to approve the April 3, 2019 minutes.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick and Morehouse

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: Mr. MacCormick read a letter of resignation from Janet Murphy (attached). Ms. Murphy was appointed to the Village Board of Trustees to fulfill the remainder of Alan Ominsky's term, upon his resignation.

Planning Board chairperson, Pat Bianconi, discussed the status of the Taylor House playhouse with the panel. The playhouse was removed from the Taylor House property during the Wallcourt Hall renovation and requested by the Planning Board to be returned to the property once Wallcourt Hall was completed. The Inns submitted location options to the Community Preservation Panel (CPP) and the Panel denied their application. Ms. Bianconi added that, per Inns of Aurora General Manager Sue Edinger, the playhouse is being incorporated into the spa project on Sherwood Road. However, Ms. Bianconi noted that the playhouse is on the site plan for the Taylor House project and the Inns of Aurora are agreeable to revisiting returning the playhouse back to the Taylor House property.

Mr. MacCormick noted that the CPP role in the review for Taylor House will coincide with the site plan review by the Planning Board and the two boards will work closely together through the process.

The panel briefly reviewed a landscaping sketch submitted by the Inns of Aurora defining the boundary of the Aurora Inn property. Landscaping does not require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the panel but Inns of Aurora Facilities Manager, Roger Brown, was in attendance to answer any question/concerns of the panel. Mr. MacCormick discussed with the panel the designated firetruck access shown on the sketch and the panel agreed that there was sufficient emergency access.

Visitor Welcome: Mr. MacCormick welcomed all visitors and there were no comments.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Application #19-07 from Wells College for replacement of the bridge next to Glen Park (Tax Map #193.05-1-1)

Architect John Snyder presented a slide show of the project. Mr. Snyder noted that the footprint of the proposed bridge is approximately the same as the existing bridge. Changes to the design and materials include:

- Shortened abutments 3' to support pipes underneath
- Concrete walk-off on each end bordered by plantings
- Stone wall on west elevation
- Black, locust wood deck
- Black pointed steel piping and cross bracing
- Lighted, steel cable rail system railings
- Optional sign on the walk-off area

Mr. MacCormick expressed relief for the replacement project, noting the decrepit state of the existing bridge.

On motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Ms. Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve Application #19-07 as submitted.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick and Morehouse

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. MacCormick issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Application #19-09 from the Inns of Aurora for re-location of a fence at the Fargo, 384 Main St (Tax Map #181.16-1-10)

Mr. Brown described moving the fence 7' to the north, following the property line. The additional fencing will match the color, lattice and gate of the existing fence. Mr. Brown noted that the new fencing will enclose the trash bins and ensure safe passage for staff.

Ms. Bianconi questioned if the fence is within the Fargo property per the 2014 lot-line adjustment and Mr. Brown replied that, yes, the fence is south of the lot line.

On motion by Mr. Blum, seconded by Ms. Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve Application #19-09 as submitted.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick and Morehouse

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. MacCormick issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Adjournment: On motion by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Blum, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, and Morehouse

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk