

Community Preservation Panel February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Chairperson Jim Burkett, Chris MacCormick, Claire Morehouse, and Julia Rossmann

Absent: Jeff Blum

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni

Inns of Aurora: General Manager Sue Edinger and Outdoorsman Matt Stevenson

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

Changes to the Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Mr. MacCormick, seconded by Ms. Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve the January 6, 2021 minutes.

AYES: Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: No announcements

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

#20-20 from Steve & Randi Zabriskie for a dock and boat hoist at 349 Main St (Tax Map #181.16-1-23.1)

Anchor Welding representative, Kristy Garretson, responded to the Panel's questions via phone. Ms. Garretson confirmed that she is authorized to speak on behalf of the applicant.

Ms. Garretson noted that the project is covered under the Army Corps dock permit, received the required area variance from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Board approval (contingent on CPP approval).

Mr. Burkett questioned if there is any compromise to the seawall with the project and Ms. Garretson replied that there is not as the dock begins on top of the wall.

The CPP had no further questions.

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

AYES: Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkett issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

#20-24 from the Inns of Aurora for signs for hiking trails in the village (Tax Map #181.12-1-30.111, 182.09-1-1.1, 182.09-1-23.1)

The CPP discussed the need for review and noted that the signs are visible from a public way; Cherry Ave and Main St. The sign off Main St, behind the Webster Barn, is being reviewed retroactively but the Cherry Ave sign has not yet been posted. Ms. Edinger noted that the Code Enforcement Officer at the time, Patrick Doyle, was not aware that hiking trails require a permit per the Village Zoning Law.

The Webster Barn sign is 32 square feet, and the proposed Cherry Ave sign is 10.88 square feet. Both signs include a map of the trail and legend.

Ms. Edinger noted that buffers were requested by the Planning Board along the portions of the trail bordering private property owners. Ms. Edinger will consult with the owners on appropriate vegetative buffers.

On motion by Mr. MacCormick, seconded by Ms. Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve Application #20-24 as submitted.

AYES: Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkett issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Ms. Edinger informed the panel that an application is forthcoming for a new sign at Taylor House.

Mr. Burkett reminded Ms. Edinger that a retroactive demo permit for the garage at 44 Court St cannot be issued until a signed letter is received from the Inns of Aurora Maintenance Manager, confirming the safety concerns.

Adjournment: On motion by Ms. Rossmann, seconded by Mr. MacCormick, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

AYES: Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk