

Village of Aurora Board of Trustees May 3, 2021 Work Session Minutes

The meeting was held via Zoom at 12:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bonnie Bennett, Trustees Grace Bates, Matt Bianconi, Thea Miller, and Janet Murphy

Others Present

Village Officials: Village Clerk Ann Balloni and Planning Board Chairperson Pat Bianconi

Labella Planning: Ed Flynn and Nicolette Wagoner

Inns of Aurora: General Manager Sue Edinger and Attorney Wendy Marsh

Members of the Public: Marie Dentes, Jacci Farlow, Randi & Steve Zabriskie

Call to Order: Mayor Bennett called the work session to order at 12:31 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan: Mayor Bennett introduced Ed Flynn and Nicolette Wagoner from Labella Planning. Mr. Flynn described a “community driven” process lasting approximately 4 months. Labella will contact various stakeholders in the village for their input and work in consort with the advisory committee.

Mayor Bennett informed the trustees that the advisory committee is 2 members from the Village Board, 2 from the Planning Board, 2 from the Community Preservation Panel, 2 residents, and the village clerk. Mayor Bennett recommended herself and Thea Miller (Village Board), Pat Bianconi and Pam Sheradin (Planning Board), Jim Burkett and Chris MacCormick (CPP), Alexis Boyce, Ed Easter, and Ann Balloni.

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to accept Mayor Bennett’s recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Bates questioned if residents who have requested to be included in the process will be named as stakeholders. Mayor Bennett replied that, yes, all who have indicated interest will be given a voice in the process.

Trustee Bianconi questioned if the trustees will receive a list of the stakeholders in advance. Mayor Bennett replied that the Advisory Committee will come up with a list and submit it to the Village Board for approval.

Trustee Bates questioned how residents can participate given the limits on gatherings. Mr. Flynn described a “hybrid” workshop with Labella planners and stakeholders present to discuss issues with residents, focusing on strengths, opportunities, weaknesses, and threats (SWOT). The event will be one-day with in-person and Zoom options along with on-line surveys available for anyone who is not able to attend.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

AYES: Bennett, Bates, Bianconi, Miller, and Murphy

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk