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**Planning Board August 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Present:** Chairperson Pat Bianconi, Michele Murphy, Pam Sheradin and Frank Zimdahl

**Absent:** Pat Foser

**Others Present:** Clerk Ann Balloni, Crawford and Stearns representative Ted Bartlett, and Aurora Masonic Center representative Virgil Farlow

**Call to Order:** Ms. Bianconi called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Changes to the Agenda:** No changes

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Zimdahl, seconded by Sheradin, the Planning Board voted to approve the July 28, 2021 minutes.

AYES: Bianconi, Murphy, Sheradin and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Foser

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** No announcements

**Old Business:** No Old Business was discussed

**New Business**

**Application #21-25 from the Aurora Masonic Center for a drainage plan for a façade renovation at 325 Main St (Tax Map #181.16-1-30)**

Ms. Bianconi noted that a drainage plan and narrative were submitted following a site visit to the property on August 4, whereby Mr. Bartlett explained the façade renovation project to the Village Community Preservation Panel. Ms. Bianconi and Village Code Enforcement Officer Dan Green were in attendance and agreed that the drainage preventive plan described at the site visit required Planning Board review.

On motion by Zimdahl, seconded by Murphy, the Planning Board voted to deem Application #21-25 complete.

AYES: Bianconi, Murphy, Sheradin and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Foser

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bartlett explained that their plan is to improve drainage by replacing a cement sidewalk in front of the building with lawn/permeable surface to prevent water run-off under the building. Mr. Bartlett noted that there is minimal excavation and no change in grading.

Ms. Bianconi questioned if there is an alternate plan in case the submitted plan doesn't work, or water runs off to adjacent properties and Mr. Bartlett replied that they did not. Ms. Bianconi recommended returning to the Planning Board with a revised plan if the plan submitted is unsuccessful and Mr. Bartlett agreed. Mr. Farlow reiterated that the water run-off from the sidewalk only goes under the Aurora Masonic Center and does not affect adjoining properties.

Ms. Murphy asked about the estimated timeline from beginning to end of renovation and Mr. Bartlett replied "10-18 months".

On motion by Zimdahl, seconded by Sheradin, the Planning Board voted to approve Application #21-25 as submitted, conditioned on should the permeable, grassy surface not resolve the drainage issue, the applicant must return to the Planning Board with an adequate drainage plan.

AYES: Bianconi, Murphy, Sheradin and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Foser

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Sheradin, seconded by Murphy, the Planning Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

AYES: Bianconi, Murphy, Sheradin and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Foser

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk