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Community Preservation Panel November 3, 2021, Meeting Minutes

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

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

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Members of the Public: Mike & Sandy Groth, Inns of Aurora Facilities Manager John Marshall, John & Sara Miller, John Wendler, and Todd Zwigard

Call to Order: Mr. Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda: Application #21-37 is added under New Business

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Blum, the CPP voted to approve the October 6, 2021, minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: No announcements

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed

New Business

Application #21-37 from Mike & Sandy Groth for replacement windows at 2 Orchard (Tax Map #182.13-1-4.1)

The Groth's described vinyl frame windows replacing the existing wood. The style and design are the same, only the materials are different.

On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve Application #21-37 as submitted.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkett issued the applicants a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Application #21-39 from the Inns of Aurora for a new fence at 492 Main St (Tax Map #181.12-1-1-30.111)

Mr. Marshall described a 6' hemlock, stockade style, natural finish fence with flat 4X4 posts, 2X4 runner, and dog-eared ends. The fence was requested by the neighbor to the south for privacy from the Inns of Aurora hiking trail and is 25' from the property line and 135' long.

On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Blum, the CPP voted to approve Application #21-39 as submitted.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkett issued the applicants a Certificate of Appropriateness.

#21-41 from John & Sara Miller for an addition, fence, and unattached garage at 448 Main St (Tax Map #181.12-1-23)

Mr. Miller described a project to modernize the property, owned for decades by his relatives. A small addition is planned on the back (east) side of the house, a detached garage, new patio with hot tub, fenced area and privacy hedge.

Mr. Burkett questioned the materials for the fence and garage and Mr. Miller replied that the garage is a pre-fab, red barn style, with cedar siding to match the house. Mr. Zwigard, architect for the applicants, noted that the addition siding will also match the house, though the color is undecided (currently mint green). The fencing material is yet to be determined but the privet hedge will hide the fence and it will be 4'-6' high.

Windows require replacing due to cost, though will have similar wood and 1 over 1 style. The new window on the north side of the addition will match the window on the south.

Mr. MacCormick questioned the cupola and Mr. Zwigard replied it is added for natural light and proportion, giving the structure a "book-ended design" from west to east.

Ms. Morehouse asked when the house was built, and Ms. Miller replied "1902".

Mr. Burkett asked for a time schedule and Mr. Miller replied, "late spring of 2022 is the goal." Mr. Burkett noted that any details are helpful and reminded Mr. Zwigard to reference the site plan checklist in the Village Zoning Law before the Planning Board review. Ms. Balloni reminded Mr. Zwigard to submit part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form for the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR).

On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Blum, the CPP voted to approve Application #21-41 as submitted.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkett issued the applicants a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Village Landmarks: The panel reviewed the recommendations of Dr. Schwab (attached) and discussed the following:

- Significant interest in the Mandell group
- Hesitancy on designating neighborhoods
- Deterioration of the seawall
- Past approval of Glen Park Bridge'
- Giving local designation to buildings included on the National Historic Register

Dr. Schwab remarked that the State Historic Preservation office (SHPO) recognizes neighborhood designations and the historic narrative for African American and Irish Catholic families in the village is notable in specific neighborhoods such as Cherry Ave and Dublin Hill.

Mr. Burkett requested that the suggested properties be listed by current address and not previous family names.

Mr. Burkett asked for a straw poll of Dr. Schwab's recommendations and the panel is all in favor of the Mandell group. Ms. Morehouse suggested researching plaques for the Mandell houses. The CPP will continue to review the recommendation list.

Adjournment: On motion by Rossmann, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk