

**Community Preservation Panel January 5, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Others Present:** Clerk Ann Balloni and CPP Alternate Erin Weber; Stacy Groth and Steve Moolin via phone

**Call to Order:** Mr. Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Changes to the Agenda:** No changes.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve the December 1, 2021 minutes.

AYES: Blum, MacCormick, and Morehouse

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Burkett and Rossmann

Motion carried.

**Announcements:** Mr. Burkett informed the panel that the garage at 39 Cherry Ave was demolished. A demo permit was granted in 2013 but wasn't carried out. Given the deteriorating condition documented by Village Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Green, and consultation with Mr. Burkett and Planning Board Chairperson, Pat Bianconi, the demo was allowed to proceed without repeating the approval process.

Mr. Burkett relayed a request from Mayor Bennett for the panel to review the Preservation section of the Village Zoning Law and note any needed changes for the Zoning Law Revision Committee to consider. Mr. Burkett would like discussion of the changes added to the February CPP agenda.

Ms. Balloni informed the panel that Inns of Aurora General Manager, Sue Edinger, and Facilities Manager, John Marshall, met with Officer Green to discuss demolishing Chimney Corner, a designated local landmark, and the barn behind it.

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

**New Business**

**#21-44 from Stacy Groth for replacement windows/siding and removal of a door at 39 Cherry Ave (Tax Map #182.13-1-8)**

Ms. Groth attended the meeting via phone and Mr. Burkett introduced her to the panel. The members are grateful that the building is being restored following years of neglect.

Ms. Groth confirmed vinyl clad replacement windows and shake shingles. Ms. Groth is unsure about what she will replace the door with but understands that she will come before the panel again when her plan is decided.

On motion by Blum, seconded by Rossmann, the CPP voted to approve Application #21-44 as submitted.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkett issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

**#21-47 from the Aurora Free Library for exterior book lockers at 370 Main St (Tax Map #182.13-1-21)**

Aurora Free Library president Steve Moolin, via phone, explained that the library is hoping to receive Federal funds for the project through Cayuga County via the Recovery Act. Patrons have requested a “contactless” way to retrieve books during off hours. The 14-compartment locker is similar in size to a phone booth, 80.31” H x 39.37” W x 25” D and will stand on a 3’ x 8’ concrete pad, located near the current book drop but closer to the library. The book drop will move further east. If funded, the project will begin March/April of 2022.

Ms. Weber questioned the materials and color of the locker and Mr. Moolin replied that the unit will be stainless steel with the color undetermined. Ms. Morehouse requested a picture when it is decided.

On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve Application #21-47 as submitted, conditioned on receipt of funding.

AYES: Blum, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Burkett

Motion carried.

Mr. Moolin noted that temporary wooden steps were put in place of the concrete steps leading to the side door of the library, though he acknowledged that “temporary” could be 2-3 years. The concrete steps were deteriorating for some time and Mr. Moolin informed Officer Green that he was replacing them for safety reasons. Mr. Burkett replied that any change in materials requires CPP review and the panel should have been consulted. Mr. Moolin agreed to submit an application, retroactively, for the panel to consider at the February CPP meeting.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Blum, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk