

## **Community Preservation Panel March 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Present:** Chairperson Jim Burkett (joined the meeting via phone at 7:30 p.m.), Chris MacCormick, Claire Morehouse, Julia Rossmann, and Alternate Erin Weber

**Absent:** Jeff Blum

### **Others Present**

**Village Officials:** Clerk Ann Balloni, ZBA member Laura Holland, and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

**Members of the Public:** Jane & Melzar Richards. Bruce Spiegel and Kathy Wray both attended via phone.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Rossmann, the CPP voted to approve the February 6, 2022 minutes.

AYES: MacCormick, Morehouse, Rossmann, and Weber

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum and Burkett

Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** No announcements.

**Visitor Welcome:** Mr. MacCormick welcomed all visitors and there were no comments.

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

### **New Business**

#### **Application #22-02 from Bruce Siegel for a new porch at 522 Main St (Tax Map #181.08-1-14.1)**

Mr. Spiegel explained some of the history of the house, an Agway "kit" house built in 1960 similar to the Sears Craftsman house kits. Mr. Spiegel noted that he is reconsidering the tapered design of the columns in favor of straight, due to cost and preferring the simpler design. The panel agreed.

Ms. Morehouse suggested a railing with spindles, but Mr. Spiegel prefers the open view. Mr. Spiegel mentioned adding a "stone face" on the front, though admitted that it could be cost prohibitive, but the panel did not feel that that was in keeping with the style of the house and advised against it.

On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Weber, the CPP voted to approve Application #22-02 per the discussion of modifying the columns to straight instead of tapered and with the instruction to return to the CPP for further discussion on the stone face if that is the applicant's preference.

AYES: MacCormick, Morehouse, Rossmann, and Weber

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum and Burkett

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. MacCormick issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

#### **Application #22-03 from Kathy & Rick Wray for a swimming pool at 33 Wells Road (Tax Map #182.17-1-46)**

Ms. Wray described a 12'X25' inground pool, surrounded by a 5' aluminum fence, and a privet hedge behind the fence. The pool is not visible from Wells Road.

On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Rossmann, the CPP voted to approve Application #22-03 as submitted.

AYES: MacCormick, Morehouse, Rossmann, and Weber

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum and Burkett

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. MacCormick issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

**Application #22-04 from Melzar & Jane Richards for a skylight at 267 Main St (Tax Map #182.17-1-8.1)**

Ms. Richards described renovating their attic as a “kid space” for their grandchildren. Ms. Richards mentioned 1 or 2 skylights but agreed with the panel’s recommendation of 1.

On motion by Weber, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve Application #22-04 as submitted.

AYES: MacCormick, Morehouse, Rossmann, and Weber

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum and Burkett

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. MacCormick issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

**Zoning Revisions:** (Mr. Burkett joined the meeting via phone)

The panel reviewed Sections 700-704 of the Village Zoning Law alongside the New York State 2014 Model Preservation Law with Dr. Schwab and discussed the following:

- Local landmark neighborhoods
- CPP purview over properties that are not in the historic district
- Consistency of CPP review to treat everyone the same
- Tax credit for landmark structures
- Removing “paint color” from landmark regulations
- Considering the “Setting” of historic buildings
- Removal of trees and culling lots
- Annual 4-hour training
- Understanding personal opinion vs interpretation of the law
- Affirmative maintenance and enforcement

Dr. Schwab noted a deadline of the end of March for the CPP to have their revisions into LaBella Planning, though she is going to request an extension to coincide with the next regular CPP meeting on April 6. The CPP and Dr. Schwab agreed that a work session is prudent given the deadline and tentatively scheduled March 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Weber, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

AYES: MacCormick, Morehouse, Rossmann, and Weber

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum and Burkett

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk