

Community Preservation Panel March 21, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the United Ministry Lounge at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Jim Burkett, Chris MacCormick, Claire Morehouse, Julia Rossmann, and Erin Weber (alternate)

Absent: Jeff Blum

Others Present: Village Clerk Ann Balloni and Village Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Call to Order: Mr. Burkett called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

The panel thanked Ms. Morehouse for arranging use of the United Ministry meeting space.

The panel reviewed Article VII *Community Preservation* of the Village Zoning Law, along with the State Historic Preservation Office *2014 Model Law for Preservation* and discussed the following:

- Including an internal appeal process (will consult with the village attorney)
- Should the CPP review the interior of public landmark buildings
- Advisory/permitting role
- Consideration of 50+ years old buildings for inclusion in the historic district
- The role of the CEO and mayor
- Referencing preservation briefs (both CPP and applicant)
- Simple vs clarifying language
- Designating neighborhood landmarks and scenic landmarks
- Consideration of a “work moratorium” on Landmark projects
- Citing the Village Zoning Law/Secretary of Interior Standards when rendering decisions
- Removing paint color as a restriction when renovating local landmarks
- Archeological considerations
- Educating applicants (How Do I? example)

Ms. Morehouse informed the panel of a discussion with Wells College Facilities Manager, Brian Brown, regarding the painting of a college owned property at 231 Main St, known as the Therese Hickey House. Mr. Brown consulted Ms. Morehouse on the exterior color but Ms. Morehouse noted that under the current zoning law, changing the paint color of a local landmark must be approved by the CPP.

On motion by Burkett, seconded by MacCormick, the CPP voted to waive the paint color approval at 231 Main St due to Ms. Morehouse’s expertise in village landmark exteriors, that paint color is reversible, and the panel’s recommendation of removing paint color approval in the revised zoning law.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum

Motion carried unanimously.

(Clerk’s note: the above motion was rescinded at the April 6, 2022 CPP meeting)

Adjournment: On motion by Morehouse, seconded by MacCormick, the CPP voted to adjourn the special meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni

Village Clerk