

## **Village of Aurora Board of Trustees October 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor James Orman, Trustees Matt Bianconi, L. John Miller (video-conference), Janet Murphy, and Frank Zimdahl

### **Others Present**

**Village Officials:** Clerk Ann Balloni, CPP members Jim Burkett, Chris MacCormick, and Claire Morehouse

**Members of the Public:** Town of Ledyard Historian Shirley Egan, Lydie Haenlin, Kenny Hall, and Aurora Historical Society Treasurer Ken Larson

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Orman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for David Brooks who passed away on October 17, 2023. Dave was a former village clerk and DPW Supervisor, lifetime fire department member, and fire district commissioner.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Discussion of purchasing a new heating system for the firehouse is added under New Business.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the Village Board voted to approve the September 20, 2023 meeting minutes.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Announcements**

**Clerk:** NYSEG emailed an invitation requesting to meet with municipal officials on Friday, November 17 from 1-3 in Auburn. Trustee Zimdahl will attend.

Bob Rhea is finishing his code enforcement officer training this week.

Trustee Murphy questioned the status of the speed bumps on Court St. Mayor Orman will discuss the speed bumps with village engineer, Ken Teter, as well as Trustee Zimdahl's plan to divert traffic.

### **Visitor Welcome**

**Shirley Egan:** Ms. Egan reminded the Board of the Town of Ledyard's bicentennial celebrations and submitted a flyer for events at the Ledyard Town Hall and Patrick Tavern (attached).

**Treasurer's Report:** No reports.

### **Bills**

**General:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the General Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #142-144, 147-156, 158-163, 165-170, and 172

Total: \$18,116.07

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Water:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #141, 154, 161, 164, 165, and 171

Total: \$71,638.64

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #142, 143, 145, 146, 152, 154, 157, 165, 167, and 170

Total: \$5,140.04

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Water Improvement Fund:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zimdahl, the Village Board voted to approve the Water Improvement Fund Abstract #5 for payment.

Voucher #165

Total: \$552.58

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Reports**

**Historian** (attached): Dr. Schwab reported on recent displays, including “Meet Benjamin Ledyard”, part of the Town of Ledyard Bicentennial. Patrick Tavern is included in the NY State “Path Through History” events.

**Aurora Historical Society** (attached): Ken Larson submitted the quarterly report, detailing programming at Patrick Tavern, visitor attendance, and facility updates.

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

## **New Business**

**Local Law #4 of 2023:** The Community Preservation Panel recommends adding all buildings in the village associated with Samuel Mandell and his son, Samuel D. Mandell, as a grouping, to the list of village

landmarks. Some of the buildings are listed individually and all but one of the buildings, 8 Burnham Lane, are within the Village Historic District.

**VB RESOLUTION #23-23:**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2023 ENTITLED  
TO AMEND LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023 DESIGNATING CERTAIN PROPERTIES AS VILLAGE LANDMARKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Aurora is listed on the National Historic Register as an historic district with certain properties designated as local landmarks; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a duty of the Village of Aurora Community Preservation Panel to update the local landmark list; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Preservation Panel approved additions to the list at a special meeting on June 29, 2022 and submitted the following recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees for consideration:

**The Mandell Group**

The following is a list of houses, buildings, and portions thereof built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century which can be attributed to Samuel Mandell and his son Samuel D Mandell.

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Also Referred to as</u>	<u>Mandell who was Builder/Designer</u>	<u>Date</u>
1.	492 Main Street	Webster Barn Also known as Henry Morgan’s Carriage Barn, built by S.D. Mandell <sup>2</sup>	S.D. Mandell	1880
2.	488 Main Street*	Originally a tavern on the west side of the street, when Henry Morgan was in possession he moved the front part of the tavern to the east side of the street. It was converted to a residence by S.D. Mandell. <sup>1</sup>	S.D. Mandell	1877
3.	461 Main Street	Edith Morgan residence Designed and built by S.D. Mandell for Henry Morgan <sup>1, 2</sup>	S.D. Mandell	1879-1880
4.	431 Main Street*	E.B. Morgan home Designed by Joseph Wells of NYC and built by S.D. Mandell <sup>2</sup>	S.D. Mandell	1858-1859
5.	425 Main Street*	Riford house, addition First addition to this 1817 house designed and built by S.D. Mandell <sup>1, 2</sup>	S.D. Mandell	1884

<sup>1</sup>Samuel D. Mandell’s History of Houses in Aurora

<sup>2</sup> Morehouse, Claire, Architectural Styles & Stories of Aurora, New York

6. 413 Main Street James Avery House S.D. Mandell 1884  
Built in 1828 by Charles Campbell, remodeled by S.D. Mandell for E.W. Mosher<sup>2</sup>
7. 405 Main Street Doc Burlington House Samuel Mandell 1834  
Built by Samuel Mandell for Ephraim Marsh; remodeled by D.W. Armistead, circa 1900<sup>1</sup>
8. 396 Main Street\* Taylor House, dining room S.D. Mandell 1871  
Henry Morgan House built 1838 by John Maurice, dining room added in 1871, designed by Russell Sturgis, NYC and built by S.D. Mandell<sup>2</sup>
9. 8 Burnham Lane N.L. Zabriskie barn S.D. Mandell circa 1880  
Moved to current location from Main Street and converted to a residence<sup>1</sup>
10. 347 Main Street Burnham Law Office Samuel Mandell 1845  
Built by Samuel Mandell for Eleazer Burnham to serve as his law office – later converted to a residence. At one time was the Jane Morgan’s dress shop.<sup>2</sup>
11. 342 Main Street Leffingwell House Samuel Mandell 1828  
Built by Samuel Mandell and Richard Davis<sup>1, 2</sup>
12. 337 Main Street\* Presbyterian Church S.D. Mandell 1860  
Presbyterian Church designed by Joseph Wells, NYC and built by S.D. Mandell<sup>2</sup>  
Session House – Social Rm Presby. Church S.D. Mandell 1848
13. 336 Main Street Old Captain Chase House Samuel Mandell 1848  
Early portions of the current structure were rebuilt by Samuel Mandell in 1848. It was moved to current location from near E.B. Morgan House.<sup>1, 3</sup>
14. 330 Main Street Alfred King House S.D. Mandell 1850  
Built for John Williams afterwards purchased by Alfred King<sup>3</sup>
15. 329 Main Street\* Masonic Lodge 1819  
Samuel Mandell worked on the Lodge but was not the lead builder. He used the first floor of the Lodge as a carpenter shop until 1838 when the Episcopal Church began holding services there.<sup>2</sup>
16. 320 Main Street Episcopal Church S.D. Mandell 1871  
Designed and built by S.D. Mandell<sup>2</sup>
17. 318 Main Street S.D. Mandell 1884  
Originally built as a barn the house was moved a short distance in 1926 and converted to become the Episcopal Church rectory.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Judy Furness Notes

<sup>3</sup> Davis, Jean, History of St. Paul’s Church

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| 18. | 316 Main Street   | Mandell House       | S.D. Mandell   | 1883      |
|     | Designed and built by S.D. Mandell to be his home <sup>1</sup>  |                     |                |           |
| 19. | 303 Main Street*  | Catholic Church     | S.D. Mandell   | 1873      |
|     | Design chosen by Bishop McQuaid, built by S.D. Mandell <sup>2</sup>   |                     |                |           |
| 20. | 245 Main Street   | Wave Bank           | S.D. Mandell   | 1862      |
|     | Built by Silas Gates who enclosed the house, S.D. Mandell finished the house. <sup>2</sup>  |                     |                |           |
| 1.  | Wells College*  | Glen Park staircase | S.D. Mandell   | 1852      |
| 2.  | Wells College   | Dining Room         | S.D. Mandell   | 1908      |
| 3.  | Wells College   | Laundry             | S.D. Mandell   | 1878      |
| 4.  | Wells College*  | Main Building       | S.D. Mandell   | 1890      |
|     | Main Building designed by William Henry Miller, constructed by S.D. Mandell to replace Wells Seminary Building which was designed and built by S.D. Mandell in 1868 and was destroyed by fire in 1888. <sup>2</sup> |                     |                |           |
| 5.  | 19 Wells Rd*  | Richmond House      | Samuel Mandell | 1819-1820 |
|     | Built by Samuel Mandell and Richard Davis, subsequently moved to the south end of town <sup>1</sup>   |                     |                |           |

\*Structures so designated are currently listed as a Village Landmark

**WHEREAS**, the village zoning law (local law #1 of 2023), per section 705.B. requires the Village Board of Trustees to update the village landmark list by local law; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a Type 2 Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") section 617.5(32) requiring no further environmental review; and

**WHEREAS**, At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora, County of Cayuga, State of New York, held at the Village Hall, 456 Main Street, Aurora, New York, at 6:00 p.m. on October 18, 2023, the following members of the Village Board of Trustees being present:

JAMES ORMAN, MAYOR  
MATTHEW BIANCONI  
L. JOHN MILLER  
JANET MURPHY  
FRANK ZIMDAHL

The instant Resolution came to be heard and considered:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora as follows:

1. The Village Board of Trustees hereby introduces Proposed Local Law #4 of 2023 in the form annexed hereto for consideration and adoption.

2. The Village Board of Trustees hereby determines that the aforementioned Local Law is a Type 2 Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) section 617.5(32) requiring no further environmental review.

3. The Village Board of Trustees has properly noticed a Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law #4 of 2023 to be held at Village Hall on November 15, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m.;

Now upon the Motion of Trustee Zimdahl and Seconded by Trustee Murphy a roll-call vote is tallied by the Village Clerk as follows:

Trustee Bianconi	AYE
Trustee Miller	AYE
Trustee Murphy	AYE
Trustee Zimdahl	AYE
Mayor Orman	AYE

At least 3 of the above-named Village Board of Trustee members having voted in the affirmative, this resolution is adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**CPP/PB Alternates:** Mayor Orman requested suggestions for the vacancies to be brought to the Board at next month’s meeting.

**Firehouse Boiler:** The 30+ year old boiler continues to fail and the village office, fire department, and fire district, request a discussion to replace.

On motion by Trustee Zimdahl, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to appoint two trustees to consult with the village DPW and fire chief on pursuing bids for a new, cost-efficient heating system for the firehouse.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, Orman, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk