

## **Community Preservation Panel February 13, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes**

Aurora Firehouse meeting room at 7:00 pm

**Present:** Chairperson Jim Burkett, Chris MacCormick, Claire Morehouse, Julia Rossman, John Wendler

**Absent:** Jeff Blum

**Members of the Public:** Robin Driskel, Grace Bates, Melissa Miller

**Consultant:** Dr. Linda Schwab

1. Jim Burkett called the meeting to order and explained that the meeting this evening is held for the specific purpose of considering whether to recommend to the Village Board that the property between the Hickey House and the Wells President's House across from the Wells Campus lawn be designated as a Scenic Landscape Landmark. This land is referred to as The Boat House Lawn.
2. Linda Schwab, at the panel's request, had developed two proposals for the area to be included in the Scenic Landscape. Both included portions of the Wells College and Glen Park lawns. She explained that the area included was at one time the lawn of Henry Wells, owner of Glen Park. The presented proposal expended the initial thought of recommending only the Boathouse Lawn (west side of Route 90) as Scenic Landscape. Discussion ensued on the two options.
  - a. First, the west side of Route 90 (Boathouse Lawn) should be the CPP recommendation for a Scenic Landscape Landmark.
  - b. Second, the Scenic Landscape Landmark should include the Boathouse Lawn and portions of the front lawn of Wells College and Glen Park (east side of Route 90).
  - c. Some members thought it prudent to recommend only the west side of Route 90, others thought that the entire Boathouse/Glen Park Lawn should be included.
3. Jim Burkett asked the guests for their counsel on the proposal. Two ideas percolated to the surface.
  - a. First, think long term.
  - b. Second, the Boathouse lawn is iconic Aurora. It's the view all residents think of when thinking of Aurora.
4. A third option was proposed – Recommend that the west side of the Route 90 (Boathouse Lawn) be designated as a Scenic Landscape Landmark and the east side of Route 90 be used as historic documentary support for the Scenic Landscape, calling the entire package the Boat-house/Glen Park Scenic Landscape Landmark.

5. Chris MacCormick moved that the Community Preservation Panel recommend to the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees that the Village Board designate as a **Scenic Landscape Landmark** portions of 193.05-1-1 (blue outline on attached map provided) and 193.05-1-6.11 (to the west, along the lake shore), drawn so as to include the Boathouse access and the small grove of peach trees added to annually in a Wells College-Gayagohono (Cayuga) commemoration of the Sullivan Campaign of 1779. This is the area bounded on the north by the south boundary of the Hickey House, on the east by State Route 90, on the south by the north boundary of the President's House, and on the west by Cayuga Lake (Scenic Landscape outlined in Green on attached map), and that portions of the Glen Park and Well College lawns on the east side of State Route 90 (yellow dotted outline on the attached map provided) be documented as historically supportive of the recommended Boathouse/Glen Park Scenic Landscape. John Wendler seconded the motion. All voted "Yea". The recommendation will be forwarded to the Village Board for their consideration at the February 21, 2024 meeting
  
6. Claire Morehouse moved to adjourn the meeting. Julia Rossman seconded the motion. All voted "Yea".

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Morehouse