

Community Preservation Panel February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent: Jeff Blum

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, Historian Dr. Linda Schwab, and CEO Bob Rhea

Members of the Public: Dr. Robert & Bettina Arleo and Stacy Groth

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

Changes to the Agenda: Under New Business, “landmarks and districts” is added to Historic neighborhoods.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Morehouse, seconded by MacCormick, the CPP voted to approve the September 6, 2023 meeting minutes.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum

Carried.

Announcements: Mr. Burkett welcomed Mr. Wendler to his first CPP meeting.

Mr. Burkett informed the panel that an application from the Inns of Aurora to renovate the deck at Dorie’s does not require CPP review.

Ms. Balloni informed the panel that the village, along with Union Springs and Cayuga, received a \$10 million DRI grant from NY State.

Old Business

Application #21-44 from Stacy Groth for a new porch at 39 Cherry Ave, modification to her approved project (Tax Map #182.1-13-8)

The panel commended Ms. Groth for taking on a significant project to improve the property.

Mr. Burkett noted that Application #21-44 was initially approved for new siding, windows and the house roof and reminded Ms. Groth that any modification should come before the CPP before construction.

Ms. Groth noted that previously, the house had a porch, but it was a different design. The panel questioned adding a metal roof to the porch when the house roof has shingles and Ms. Groth responded that she saw a similar style on a house and liked it. Mr. MacCormick noted that there are metal “shake” roofs if she is interested in pursuing.

On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Wendler, the CPP voted to approve the modification of a new porch with a metal roof for Application #21-44.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum

Carried.

Mr. Burkett issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

New Business

Application #24-01 from Robert & Bettina Arleo for a new shed at 281 Main St (Tax Map #182.1-17-5)

Dr. Arleo described a 12" X 14" X 14" shed with barn doors on the east side, a window and door on the west, two windows on the north and one window on the south.

On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Rossmann, the CPP voted to approve Application #24-01 as submitted.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum

Carried.

Mr. Burkett issued the applicant a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The panel complimented the Arleos on the construction of their new seawall.

Historic Neighborhoods/Landmarks/Districts: The panel discussed with Dr. Schwab recommending updates to the Village Local Landmark list, to include historic neighborhoods and scenic landmarks. Specifically, Cherry Ave and Court St were considered as they satisfy the criteria for defining historic districts (see attached).

Each panel member agreed to contact a long-standing resident(s) of Cherry Ave/Court St to obtain an oral history of their property.

Additionally, the panel discussed iconic, scenic landmarks within the historic district, specifically the area across from Wells College between the Teresa Hickey house and the college boathouse.

Adjournment: On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Wendler, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk