

Community Preservation Panel September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Chairperson Jim Burkett, Jeff Blum, Chris MacCormick, and Claire Morehouse (7:07 p.m.)

Absent: Julia Rossmann

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni

Members of the Public: Bettina & Robert Arleo, Barry Hamel, Andy Sciarabba, and F.D. Von Jess

Call to Order: Mr. Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda: No changes

Approval of Minutes: On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Blum, the CPP voted to approve the July 5, 2023 minutes.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, and MacCormick

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Morehouse and Rossmann

Motion carried.

Announcements: The panel discussed a preliminary application from Barbara Blom and determined that the project cannot be scene from the road and does not require CPP review.

Old Business

Zoning Revisions: The zoning committee has a meeting scheduled for September 12 and, following that meeting, should have the draft law ready for the Board of Trustees. The CPP will bring their concerns with section 700 of the zoning law revisions to the trustees once the draft is received.

Mandell Group: The panel questioned the lack of action on the recommendation of the Mandell Houses for landmark status. A letter was sent in July of 2022 but there was no follow through. Mr. Burkett and the clerk will research.

New Business

#23-16 from Robert Arleo for construction of a seawall at 281 Main St (Tax Map #182.17-1-5)

Mr. Burkett noted that the project does not require oversight from the NY State Office of General Services, Army Corps of Engineers or Department of Environmental Conservation. Additionally, as the CPP is an Involved Agency for the coordinated State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), any approval from the CPP is contingent upon the Village Planning Board, as Lead Agency, issuing a negative declaration at the conclusion of the SEQR process.

Mr. Sciarabba submitted a revised mock-up of the seawall. The panel appreciated that their recommendation for horizontal placement was integrated.

Mr. Maccormick questioned if they are using local limestone. Mr. Von Jess replied that the native stone used has “stronger aesthetic and structural integrity” than the limestone which he referred to as “Onondaga lime rock”.

Ms. Morehouse questioned if the stones are “dry stacked”. Mr. Von Jess replied that they will have a dry face look due to the deep raking of the joints, but will be a solid masonry unit.

Mr. Burkett questioned if the stones will be uniform in color. Mr. Von Jess replied no but fading and oxidizing through the years will create a uniform look.

On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Blum, the CPP voted to approve application #16-23 as submitted, contingent upon a negative declaration issued by the Village Planning Board for the SEQR.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, and Morehouse

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

Adjournment: On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, and Morehouse

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk