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Community Preservation Panel June 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Jim Burkett, Jeff Blum, Chris MacCormick, Claire Morehouse, and Julia Rossmann

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, Historian Dr. Linda Schwab (left at 7:10), and CPP Alternate John Wendler

Members of the Public

Cayuga Lake National Bank: Michelle Rivioli

Inns of Aurora: Corey Guerrette

Local Residents: Philipp Kircher

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

Changes to the Agenda: Discussion for proposed sign in front of Cayuga Lake Bank added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve the May 1, 2024 minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Carried unanimously

Announcements:

Clerk: Ms. Balloni confirmed that the revised Village Zoning Law was not filed by the NY State Department of State and, therefore, the village is still under the zoning regulations of the previous law. Wells campus was changed from “Institutional” to “Mixed Use” in the revised law to allow Wells College to have flexibility with their campus and surrounding properties. Since Wells announced their closure on April 29, the Trustees are reconsidering the new zoning district designation.

Trustee MacCormick questioned the current project at 28 Cherry Ave. Under the revised zoning law, the project does not fall under CPP purview. When the application was submitted, the office was not aware that the new law had not been filed and the applicant was allowed to proceed with a simple building permit. Moving forward, until the Board of Trustees files the revisions with New York State Department of State, the village is operating under the old zoning law.

Dr. Schwab: Dr. Schwab read a thank you letter from Donna Silversmith (attached) thanking her for her support of the of the annual peach tree planting at Wells College.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Application #24-15 from the Inns of Aurora for replacement of a shed at 391 Main St (Tax Map #181.16-1-11.1)

Corey Guerrette, Facilities Manager for the Inns of Aurora, described a pre-fab shed, set on a stone bed, with white trim to match the Aurora Inn. The shed will not be placed on the former railroad bed or block the village access road right of way and will be partially hidden by existing landscaping.

On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Blum, the CPP voted to approve Application #24-15 as submitted.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann
NAYS: None
Carried unanimously

Application #24-16 from Philipp Kircher for a shed and playhouse at 231 Main St (Tax Map #182.17-1-13)

Mr. Kircher described a 6' X 10' shed and 6' X 8' playhouse. Both buildings meet setback requirements and, due to their size, do not require Planning Board review.

On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve Application #24-16 as submitted.
AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Cayuga Lake National Bank Sign: Ms. Rivioli requested consultation with the panel for a commemorative sign for CLNB 160th anniversary. Ms. Rivioli gave a detailed accounting of the bank history, emphasizing their strong connection with the area women's rights movement.

The preference is to compliment the markers in town with blue paint and yellow trim. The CPP was receptive to the plans and suggested that Ms. Rivioli provide a mockup for the July 3 CPP meeting.

Mr. Wendler suggested that Ms. Rivioli contact the Aurora Historical Society President, Shirley Egan, as she recently researched the specific paint colors on the historic markers.

Adjournment: On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Rossmann, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
AYES: Blum, Burkett, MacCormick, Morehouse, and Rossmann
NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk