

Community Preservation Panel July 3, 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 and Code Enforcement Officer Bob Rhea

Members of the Public: Frank Losurdo

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

Changes to the Agenda: No changes.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Wendler, the CPP voted to approve the June 5, 2024 minutes.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: Ms. Balloni gave an update of the status of the zoning law. The Village Board is revising the zoning districts for re-introduction and adoption.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Application #24-21 from Jeff Martin for a storage container at 46 Sherwood Road (Tax Map #182.09-1-15)

Mr. Martin applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a storage container that he has had on his property for five years. A second storage container is to be removed by August 31, 2024. Mr. Martin initially received permission from then Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Dan Green, to allow the temporary placement of the containers while Mr. Martin was moving into and renovating his house.

Storage containers are not allowed per the village zoning law as permanent accessory structures (section 405.P1.A.3.f) and current CEO Bob Rhea, informed Mr. Martin a year ago that the containers must be removed by December 31, 2023. Mr. Martin did not comply and was issued an Order to Remedy, followed by an appearance ticket in Ledyard Town Court.

At the Ledyard Town Court, in front of Judge Maassen, Mr. Martin volunteered both the removal of the 1st container and his application for the 2nd container, per CEO Bob Rhea.

Officer Rhea forwarded Mr. Martin's application to the CPP, but the panel agreed that they cannot review an application for an accessory structure that is not allowed per the village zoning law. The panel sent a letter to Mr. Martin (attached) explaining that they are returning his application to the CEO for a determination.

Historic Neighborhoods: On motion by MacCormick, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to send the Village Board of Trustees a complete package of the amendments for the revised village zoning law, including Section 700 changes, designating scenic landmarks, and designating historic neighborhoods.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Wendler, seconded by Rossmann, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blum

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk