

Ann Balloni, Village Clerk:

Hi ... I am a graduate of Wells College, class of 72, and have been following with deep interest the situation arising from the mismanagement of Wells by its president and board of trustees and their inability to keep the village and its residents ... and its alumnae! ... honestly informed about the health and future of the college.

While their performance deserves serious investigation, what is of immediate concern is the future well being of the campus, both its buildings and grounds.

I understand, thanks to Linda Schwab, that the Community Preservation Panel (CPP) can propose to the Aurora Village Board the designation of Local Landmarks and that CPP will meet this week to vote on forwarding three such recommendations.

I am writing in support of CPP's three recommendations and their inclusion by the Village Board into Aurora's Local Zoning Law.

One of these is designation of the campus lakefront as a Scenic Landmark, including the Boathouse lawn and the Gayogoho:no Peach Orchard.

Another proposal is for Barler and Campbell to be designated Local Landmarks.

The third is for Court St and upper Cherry Ave to be designated a Landmark Neighborhood to honor the homes of the workers who built Aurora: Irish immigrants of the 19th C and African-Americans, both freedom seekers and those families who arrived in Aurora enslaved in the late 18th and early 19th century.

The future of Wells' beautiful campus and its long, prosperous relationship with Aurora rests with you, members of the Community Preservation Panel and the Village Board. I thank you for all your hard work and dedication to a place, 52 years after I attended, that still holds a good portion of my heart.

With appreciation,

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