

Community Preservation Panel April 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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

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

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni and Historian Dr. Linda Schwab

Inns of Aurora: Corey Guerrette

Members of the Public: Philipp Kircher and Chris Hatch

Call to Order: Mr. Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda: New Business will be reviewed before Old Business

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Morehouse, seconded by Blum, the CPP voted to approve the March 5, 2025, minutes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: Mr. Burkett noted that the Village Board of Trustees approved the updates to the local landmarks but denied the amendments to section 700 of the Village Zoning Law.

Old Business: The CPP in discussion with the Village Historian and Village Clerk agree that the landmark list in the Village Zoning Law should be returned to the format in the previous zoning law for clearer context. The revision is administrative and not considered an amendment to the law, which would require adoption by the Board of Trustees.

New Business

Application #25-08 from Philip Kircher for an addition at 231 Main Street (Tax Map #182.17-1-13)

Mr. Kircher described creating a space for social gatherings that overlooks the lake. Mr. Kircher welcomed the community to join him for coffee when the project is complete.

On motion by Morehouse, second by Blum, the CPP voted to tentatively schedule the public hearing for Application #25-08 for April 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

(clerk's note: there was not enough time for notice requirements to hold the public hearing on April 17, therefore the public hearing will take place at the May 7, 2025, regular CPP meeting)

Application #25-10 from the Inns of Aurora to replace decking at 418 Main Street-Zabriskie House (Tax Map #181.12-1-13)

Mr. Guerrette described replacing the second balcony decking with the composite material that they have used on their other properties, all approved by CPP.

On motion by Blum, second by Rossmann, the CPP voted to deem Application #25-10 as ordinary maintenance, not requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Application #25-11 from the Inns of Aurora for the permanent tent structure at 391 Main Street (Tax Map #181.16-1-11.1)

On motion by Morehouse, second by Blum, the CPP voted to tentatively schedule the public hearing for Application #25-11 for April 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

(clerk's note: there was not enough time for notice requirements to hold the public hearing on April 17, therefore the public hearing will take place at the May 7, 2025, regular CPP meeting)

Adjournment: On motion by Blum, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk