

Planning Board July 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Chairperson John Wade, Laura Heslop, Michele Murphy (7:10), Pam Sheradin, and Frank Zimdahl

Others Present: Clerk Ann Balloni, Aurora Historical Society President Shirley Egan, and ZBA member Laura Holland

Call to Order: Mr. Wade called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wade thanked Pat Bianconi for her many years chairing the Planning Board.

Changes to the Agenda: Completing Part 2 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) for Application #25-12 is added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Zimdahl, seconded by Sheradin, the Planning Board voted to approve the May 14, 2025, minutes.

AYES: Heslop, Sheradin, Wade, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy

Motion carried.

Announcements: Ms. Balloni reminded the members of their training requirements.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Application #25-12 from the Aurora Historical Society for replacement of a front porch at 302 Main Street – Patrick Tavern (Tax Map #182.17-1-30)

Ms. Egan noted that the project requires an area variance from the ZBA and, because the building is owned by the Village, the mayor has to sign off on the NYSDOT permit, which is expected next week. The project requires NYSDOT approval because it encroaches in their right-of-way.

SEQR: The Planning Board completed part 2 of the SEAF and found no significant impacts.

On motion by Heslop, second by Zimdahl, the Planning Board voted to declare a negative declaration for Application #25-12, completing the environmental review process.

AYES: Heslop, Sheradin, Wade, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy

Motion carried.

Site Plan Review: Ms. Egan explained that the Aurora Historical Society is replacing the porch to improve the façade. Ms. Egan acknowledged that the replacement is not a replica of the 1793 porch but reflects the Victorian history of the building.

Lighting will be placed under the railing and an existing porch light will remain. Interpretive signs are planned following completion of the porch.

On motion by Zimdahl, second by Heslop, the Planning Board voted to approve Application #25-12, contingent upon receipt of an area variance from the ZBA and approval of the NYSDOT permit from the Village Board of Trustees.

AYES: Heslop, Murphy, Sheradin, Wade, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: On motion by Heslop, seconded by Sheradin, the Planning Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

AYES: Heslop, Murphy, Sheradin, Wade, and Zimdahl

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk