

**Community Preservation Panel March 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

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

**Present:** Chairperson Jim Burkett, Jeff Blum, Claire Morehouse, and John Wendler

**Absent:** Julia Rossmann

**Others Present**

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

**Members of the Public:** Jim & Kathy Chase and Ethan MacCormick

Mr. Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Public Hearing for an Application from Claire Morehouse to Designate Her Property at 576 Main Street as a Local Landmark (Tax Map #181.08-1-4)**

On motion by Wendler, second by Blum, the CPP voted to open the public hearing for 576 Main Street at 7:03 p.m.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Morehouse

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

Ms. Morehouse submitted a letter of request, historical documentation, and a letter of support from the village historian (attached).

Ms. Morehouse noted that she is requesting landmark status to add a layer of protection to the property. Ms. Morehouse added that it is the only example of a stick-built period piece in the village and though they are common in Auburn neighborhoods, her house is noticeable as it stands alone.

**Public Comment**

**Dr. Linda Schwab** (see attached)

**Ethan MacCormick:** Mr. MacCormick introduced himself as a neighbor of the applicant and professed support for the designation. Mr. MacCormick noted his fondness for the barns and suggested returning the sheds that were previously located on the property. Per Ms. Morehouse, she is only aware of one shed remaining in the area.

**Kathy Chase:** Ms. Chase remarked that she and her husband support the designation as neighboring property owners.

**Public Hearing Adjournment:** On motion by Blum, second by Wendler, the CPP voted to close the public hearing for 576 Main Street at 7:14 p.m.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Morehouse

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

Mr. Burkett called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Changes to the Agenda:** No changes

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Morehouse, second by Blum, the CPP voted to approve the February 4, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

**Announcements:** Mr. Burkett and Village Code Enforcement Officer John Greer met with a contractor representing the Hiawatha Institute. Wells College accepted a purchase offer from the Hiawatha Institute and the contractor discussed the following:

- Repair the leaky roof above the dining hall
- Add a slight slope to the dining hall roof
- Replace a leaky roof on Cleveland Hall
- Rebuild Glen Park balcony
- Replace library window casings
- Repair library bridge

The panel appreciated that the contractor consulted with Mr. Burkett and Mr. Greer in advance of applying.

**Old Business:** No Old Business was discussed.

### New Business

#### **Application from Claire Morehouse to Designate Her Property at 576 Main Street as a Local Landmark (Tax Map #181.08-1-4)**

On motion by Wendler, second by Blum, the CPP voted to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees designating 576 Main Street as a local landmark.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Morehouse

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Morehouse, second by Blum, the CPP voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk