

Community Preservation Panel July 1, 2026 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent: Julia Rossmann

Others Present

Village Officials: Clerk Ann Balloni, Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer John Greer and ZBA member Laura Holland

Members of the Public: Diane & Mike Sonnenstein and Doug Wood

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

Public Hearing for Application #26-08 from Diane Sonnenstein for a deck addition at 353 Main Street

On motion by Wendler, second by Blum, the CPP voted to open the public hearing for Application #26-08 at 7:01 p.m.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

Ms. Sonnenstein described building a “floating deck” over an existing patio on the west side of the carriage house, including integrated landscaping.

Public Comments: No comments

On motion by Wendler, second by Blum, the CPP voted to close the public hearing for Application #26-08 at 7:02 p.m.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

Mr. Burkett called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Blum, seconded by Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve the June 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

Changes to the Agenda: No changes

Announcements: Blessing of the Boats on July 3 and AuroraFest on July 11

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed

New Business

Application #26-08 from Diane Sonnenstein for a deck addition at 353 Main Street

Officer Greer confirmed with Mr. Wood that the deck meets the 50' setback from the rear property line. Mr. Greer added that no variance is needed because the footprint of the patio is "pre-existing, non-conforming".

Additionally, Mr. Greer noted that a letter from the south side neighbors agreeing to the project is included in the file.

Mr. Wood requested marking of the water/sewer lines on the property.

On motion by Wendler, second by Morehouse, the CPP voted to approve Application #26-08 as submitted.

AYES: Blum, Burkett, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

Mr. Burkett issued the applicants a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Greer reminded the applicants that the permit cannot be issued until the utility easement is recorded with the Cayuga County Clerk's Office. Ms. Sonnenstein replied that their attorney is reviewing the easement form.

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

AYES: Blum, Burkett, Morehouse, and Wendler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rossmann

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk