



**MENDON
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

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20 Main Street
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MEETING DATE	July 10, 2023
LOCATION	remote
STATUS	7/24/23

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PRESENT: Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Kathy Schofield, Connie Beal and Joe Alves.

Call to Order - Meeting opened 7:10pm

1. Meeting minutes were not reviewed.
2. **Continuation: PUBLIC HEARING 29 THORNTON STREET DEMOLITION DELAY REVIEW**

The Commission re-opened the hearing for 29 Thornton Street. Members (Connie, Janice and Kathy) met with Mr. Alves on July 7th to check out the property. The group looked at the basement as well as the interior of the building. Mr. Alves explained he had hoped to restore the structure but it was turning into a challenge and a financial drain. His biggest concerns were water in the basement and a lean on the second story exterior wall. There were also beams in the basement that need to be replaced due to the moisture damage. The second story was gutted at one point. The first floor retains most of its original character with fireplaces and original hardwood floors. Corner posts indicate construction methods typical of 1700's homes. In addition, the building does not have electric service or septic and lacks sufficient insulation. Based on the visit we asked if they would be willing to talk to a restoration specialist, do a site visit with them and discuss costs and possibilities. Mr. Alves agreed and we will make some calls and schedule the visit.

3. We will be meeting with Ross Dekle from MHC to visit the Records Room. We need to schedule before the end of July. David Demanche will coordinate this. Dan mentioned that the new property owners need to make sure there is full disclosure regarding the easement for the Records Room to make sure there is no perceived conflict of interest.

Next Commission meeting will be July 24th next meeting 7pm. Janice moved to adjourn Connie seconded the motion. All voted in favor to adjourn.