



**MENDON
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

Daniel Byer
Kathleen Schofield
Janice Muldoon Moors
Lynne Roberts Chairman
Connie Beal

20 Main Street
Mendon, MA 01756

MEETING DATE	June 29 2023
LOCATION	Hybrid Town Hall
STATUS	7/24/23

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

Call to Order - Meeting opened 7:10pm

1. Meeting minutes were not ready for review.
2. **NEW BUSINESS: PUBLIC HEARING 29 THORNTON STREET DEMOLITION DELAY REVIEW**

The Commission opened the hearing for 29 Thornton Street. Based on all available information on the history of the property members noted that this residence met two of the four criteria for demolition review / delay. Built in 1750 this farm was home to the Rogers Family. Norman Rogers was a noted poet who The property was also connected to a local gentleman Norman Rogers who was among many titles a published poet in the International Poetry Hall of Fame in Washington DC and the International Society of Poetry. With this additional information of a significant local figure there is reasonable cause to note that the property fulfills three of the four criteria.

Mr. Alves explained his thoughts and concerns with trying to rehabilitate this home and felt it was out of his means to do so. Additional time was taken to discuss alternatives to demolition including selling the property to someone who would be interested in rehab. Mr. Alves also granted the members permission to meet him at the property and look at the house. Connie will set that visit up. Members voted in favor of continuing the hearing.

3. Meet with Interim Town Administrator to discuss Records Room Grant:

The members met with David Demanche who is the acting Town Administrator. Mr. Demanche, Kathy and Dan will attend the virtual meeting with Mass Historical Commission for grant recipients. We will need to set up a visit with Ross Dekle who is the project manager for Mendon. Mr. Demanche has experience with the grant process and brings a wealth of information to the table. Kathy will forward information to him including the application.

July 7th will schedule for site visit at 29 Thornton Street. Next Commission meeting will be July 10th next meeting 7pm. Connie moved to adjourn Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor to adjourn.