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Meeting Date: 6/8/2020

Meeting Location: Mendon Town Hall

Minutes Approved: 11/21/22

The meeting was opened at 6:40 PM. Mark asked for a roll call of those attending; Deborah Flanagan, Daniel Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Ruth O'Grady, Jane Lowell, all "aye". JP Parnas not present. Also attending, Lynne Roberts and Kathleen Schofield from the Historical Commission.

Agenda: Vote to schedule a hearing on June 30, 2020 at 7 PM for the purpose of presenting the Historic District Design Guidelines.

Motion made by Jane to hold the hearing on June 30, 2020 to present the Design Guidelines. Seconded by Ruth. Before the vote, Lynne expressed concern about the Guidelines which she thinks are too strict. The Historic District passed because the residents were assured that restrictions would be easy and flexible. The Historical Commission had met with all residents in the proposed Center Historic District who said they did not want to be dictated to regarding their property.

Jane said that there had been modifications to the Guidelines. Mark asked what "stood out"? Lynne mentioned the Chimney Guideline. Deb said the first 2 paragraphs had been eliminated. Lynne strongly suggested to include in all the Guidelines only what is really important to the HDC.

Kathy suggested that the residents be mailed a survey asking for their input on the Guidelines. That way they will feel included. She said the demo delay bylaw is hanging by a thread. Mendon has the highest rate of demolitions of any surrounding towns. Many historic buildings are at risk. Dan will send a draft of the amended Guidelines to the Historical Commission and in a survey to the residents.

Mark said there was a motion on the floor. Jane withdrew the motion. Deb and Dan think the hearing should be postponed. There is not enough time to modify the Guidelines and incorporate survey feedback by the June 30th. Deb also said that most residents will not respond if there are more than 10 questions. It was suggested that a #11 be added for residents' suggestions. The survey could be filled out online, on hard copy and mailed, or dropped off at the Town Clerk's office.

Deb, Jane, Lynne and Kathy will meet to make further modifications to the Guidelines. Time and place to be determined.

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Discussion about residents being able to use CPA funding for work on their historic homes. Dan contacted the State which said it had never been done before.

Jane asked for a vote at the next meeting on the roof shingle replacement application for the Historical Society Museum at 15 Hastings Street. Deb made a motion to allow the roof shingle replacement at 15 Hastings Street. The motion carried with Jane and Ruth abstaining.

There will be a meeting, no hearing, on June 30th at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned.