



## MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	September 13, 2021
LOCATION	Virtual
STATUS	10/4/21

PRESENT: Remote Meeting Lynne Roberts, Kathy Schofield, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors and Tom Merolli

Meeting opened at 7:35pm

1. Accept Minutes from Previous Meetings

Tom moved to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2021 meeting as written. Dan seconded the motion. Janice abstained from the vote. Remaining members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Approve Quote for Cemetery Wall Repairs

Members reviewed the quote from Braza for the wall repair at Bicknell Cemetery. All approved to accept the quote. Kathy will respond to Paul Braza to put the project on the schedule and will send the wage schedule. We will also instruct them to inform us if they feel a police detail will be needed. They will be responsible to schedule with the department.

The Commission worked on developing a comprehensive plan for cemetery restoration projects. As originally discussed Janice spoke to BVT about offering honor society members the opportunity to participate.

Outline of Cemetery Project:

- Seek out Stewards for individual cemeteries
- Ask Swandale Cemetery Association to select their own steward
- Create a scope of work for stewards and volunteers
- Find volunteer interested in locating deeds and doing research on cemeteries
- With Historical Society - Schedule Mencucci presentation and tutorial in early 2022 with stewards and Honor Society volunteers
- Order materials for stone cleaning and resetting
- Create schedule of work for spring 2022

Kathy needs to connect with Alan Tetreault on cemetery tree work.

### 3. Old Business

There were no new demolition requests. 77 Park Street has been demolished and 35 Cape Road is pending Planning Board opinion on proposed development.

#### Bylaw Review

Lynne is waiting on Mr. Tinio to respond to a request to red line gray areas in the Demolition Delay Bylaw edits. She has not heard back from him yet. It was determined that we need to move forward and connect with Town Counsel to review both the Scenic Road and Demolition Delay Bylaw edits in order to address any issues from a legal perspective.

The Commission has numerous items that will be need Town Counsel assistance including bylaw changes, a preservation restriction on the Records Room at 13 Main Street, one for 3 Main Street and an easement from the Lowells' for that property.

### 4. Local Historic District Update

Dan reported that there are going to be some district bylaw edits coming from the committee to address items like solar. LHDC Members planned to attend this virtual meeting to discuss expansion of the existing Historic Districts. The Commission supports district expansion to include several areas with significant historic homes. Lynne, Janice and Kathy will meet to work on information packet for interested homeowners. Lynne has received a lot of responses interested in the history of their property, district designation and volunteering to join the commission.

Campus Improvements: The group discussed working with the LHDC to prepare a letter to the Select Board regarding appointing a building committee to review proposed changes to historic town owned properties- specifically the Town Hall Campus. Kathy will talk to Anne Mazar regarding the landscaping grant for the campus which was recently awarded. Lynne will prepare a draft letter for review.

### 5. Records Room next steps

Kathy is working with MHC to confirm need for preservation restriction on the records room. It was suggested that we include a PR for the old museum at 3 Main Street. Janice will reach out to the engineer who visited the records room to get a quote to prepare an engineering plan for restoration work.

### 6. Storage Request for Historical Items

The society reached out to request CPA funds for the storage of historic uniforms and clothing items that were donated to the museum. Issues with moisture and dry rot are significant and the society does not have funding to modify their storage space to protect the artifacts dating back to the Civil War Era. The request is for five thousand dollars. Kathy will ask the society to present a list of items needed and the commission agreed to present the request to the CPC.

7. Kathy reported receiving a call from Dave Kurczy about reinstalling the restored thermometer on the new police station. Richard Skinner reached out to the Select Board to ask that they finish the installation. Kathy will call YYZ Signs to see if they can reinstall. If not will call Signs Plus. Additionally, the hay scale tie down has been moved to the Highway Barn. Several items need to be confirmed in order to confirm the details of the granite base and locating the photograph for a plaque. Kathy will push these projects forward.

Tom moved to close the meeting at 9:04. All members voted in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on October 4, 2021. It will be a hybrid meeting.