



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	July 24, 2019
LOCATION	Town Hall
STATUS	approved 1/17/22

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

Meeting opened at 7.20pm

1. Demolition Permit Applications - updates

30 Miscoe Road. There seems to be some confusion about the actual address of this property. It is listed as 26 Miscoe Road in the tax records. We need to make sure the paperwork is clear as to the actual address of the property. To date the application is incomplete with some missing information. Lynne will reach out to the applicant to have them resubmit their request.

Lynne has been approached by two individuals interested in purchasing and renovating this property. Lynne will share contact information with the present owner and see if there is some way to preserve this c. 1750 homestead instead of demolishing it.

The Commission members discussed some of the language in the Demolition Delay Bylaw that should be changed so that it more understandable to the applicants. Discussion about the roll out of the process in terms of time allotments for submission also took place and again the members felt there needs to be more editing to the bylaw to ensure the timetable is realistic for the Commission as well as the applicants. Dan will continue to work on these proposed edits and will discuss at the next meeting.

2. November Town Meeting Planning

The Commission reviewed the process of bringing items to the Special Town Meeting in November. It was agreed the Demolition Delay Bylaw and the Blight Bylaw need more work before they are presented to the voters.

The Commission would like to request CPA funds to move the weights and measures cabinet in the Museum at 3 Main Street to the Town Hall. We will work on getting estimates and determine where in the Town Hall it might be displayed to maximize public viewing.

On behalf of the Historical Society the Commission will request \$500 in CPA funding to purchase archival photo sleeves for rare photos. In addition, the members will ask voters to accept Washington Street in the inventory of Scenic Roads. Lynne will request to meet with the CPC at their next scheduled meeting.

3. Blight bylaw

Tom continues to work on the Blight Bylaw and the group discussed the aspects of this bylaw highlighting the specific needs of our town. He is looking at other examples of blight bylaws to determine which of the elements we can use as a reference point.

4. Records Room and Museum

The Historical Society has now removed the contents from both buildings with the exception of the weights and measures cabinet and some misc items in the basement of the museum at 3 Main Street. We need to evaluate these buildings to determine their current condition and how to preserve them for future town use. The buildings are town owned properties and we may need to look into grants to resolve the water issues in both structures. We will use the guide and report prepared by Brad Green from Colonial Restorations in December 2018.

5. Any other items not anticipated prior to meeting

Meeting was closed at 9:10 pm