

MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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| MEETING DATE | August 1, 2019 |
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| LOCATION | Town Hall |
| STATUS | approved $1/17/22$ |

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

1. Review Policy and Missing Documentation on Permits

The Commission discussed several issues with the demolition permits that are coming through. RT 85 Realty is using the old handwritten permits although the process is partially digitized and a new form is in place now. We need the building department to insist that proper forms are used to apply for demolition.

It was noted that several structures were demolished at 134 North Ave without any supporting documents and approval from the Commission. The Town Administrator and Building Department were both visited for assistance. Phone calls were made to both but neither responded.

Lynne and Kathy followed up and visited the property to take photographs in order to document the demolition. They asked to speak with the foreman and inquired about the building permit which was not posted. After asking to talk to the supervisor Mr. Kevin Meehan arrived to confront the Commission members. After threats to their well -being they left the site.

Both members filed reports with the police department. One member was sent a no trespass warning. They scheduled and attended a follow up meeting with the Town Administrator.

2. Demolition Delay Bylaw

Following the incident above it became inherently clear that the Demolition Delay needed revisions and clarifications in the language. The discussion with Mr. Meehan revealed there was a lot of language that was open to personal interpretation. The group discussed taking the bylaw and working on cleaning up language and setting clear and concise timelines in order to avoid situations like the one mentioned above. The group will review the bylaw and return with edits.

- 3. Any other items not anticipated prior to the meeting
- 4. Adjourn