



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	October 25, 2022
LOCATION	Hybrid
STATUS	11/3/22

PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Kathy Schofield, Kimberly Newman and Mike Goddard.

Call to Order - Meeting opened at 11:04am

1. Meeting with Town Administrator

The Commission members met with Kimberly Newman to discuss current work being done on the Town Hall. We discussed the possibility of being included in the planning aspects of work proposed for our historic municipal buildings.

Ms. Newman explained some of the projects she would like to address. Commission members felt it would be beneficial if we could advise and assist with the long- range planning. It would allow us to investigate possible grant funding for some of the projects. We felt it would be to everyone's benefit to create a bullet list of future plans and needs for these buildings.

Ms. Newman took the members on a tour of the work that is being done. Significant improvements have been made on the first-floor office space which has emphasized restoration and preservation of the buildings' original historic features. The Commission members felt the direction of the work is in keeping with the MA Historic Commission guidelines and would like to see it continue along those lines. Ms. Newman would like to get a design plan together to improve the use of space in the building which would include evaluating the access points, bringing more light into the building by looking into a half wall treatment in the electrical room and numerous other objectives she would like to explore to improve the functionality of the building. The Commission offered support and assistance where possible to help achieve these objectives and emphasized the benefits of working together on a plan to accomplish this.

Mike Goddard suggested that it might be helpful to establish a contact person from the Commission with whom Ms. Newman can stay in contact with as plans move forward. The members felt this was a good idea and would help to create future plans. Ms. Newman will connect with the Commission following the November Special Town Meeting to discuss future plans and review design plans if she is able to get funding to begin the process.

The Commission members thanked her for her time and consideration to work collaboratively moving forward. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.