



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	January 16, 2023
LOCATION	Hybrid
STATUS	4/27/2023

PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors and Kathy Schofield - Roll Call
Attorney Adam Costa, homeowners

1. Call to Order - Meeting opened 7:05pm

2. Hearing opened at 7:10pm.

Continuation of Hearing opened by Lynne Roberts for previous hearing on December 19, 2022. The historic resource list will be reviewed every year and that list is compiled of all homes 75 years or older. Once a decision is rendered it stays in place. The list was requested to help determine which properties might need a closer look prior to demolition.

Lynne addressed the two properties that we continued. Those properties are 80 Uxbridge Road and 38 Cape Road.

Following a brief discussion, it was determined that the boat houses on Nipmuc Lake were not associated with the property located at 80 Uxbridge Road. Kathy moved to remove 80 Uxbridge Road from the list. Dan seconded the motion, Roll call in favor from Lynne, Kathy, Janice and Dan.

Discussion took place with Adam Costa the attorney for the Pettenelli family owners of 38 Cape Road. There was not enough historical significance to keep the property on the list. Kathy moved to remove 38 Cape Road from the inventory list. Dan seconded the motion. Roll call Lynne, Kathy, Dan and Janice approved the motion.

The question of how to get a photographic record of buildings removed from the list was discussed. Adam suggested sending letters out to the homeowners and collecting photographs now. He has represented other towns who follow that model successfully.

73 Uxbridge Road decided to keep it on the list. No one was there to represent the property and no contact was made to reach out to the Commission. We noted from the previous meeting that it would be addressed at a later date.

Continuation Hearing closed 7:23pm. Dan moved to close, Janice second all in favor of closing the first hearing.

Open new hearing at 7:24pm. The following property owners were in attendance 80 Millville Road, 64 Uxbridge Road and 3 Milford Street.

- First Property: 80 Millville Road. Listed as 1925. The house was rebuilt from the foundation up. Kathy moved to remove 80 Millville Road from the historic inventory list. Dan seconded the motion. Roll call all members voted in favor of removal. Neighbors commented it was originally a one room house and the woman who lived there did the town dispatch from her home.
- Second Property: 65 Uxbridge Road discussion. This house is located across Route 16 along the lake (*on Old Uxbridge Road*). Owner present on teams meeting. Dan moved to remove the property from the historic inventory list. Kathy seconded the motion. All members approved the motion via roll call.
- Third Property: 3 Milford Street: The history of this property is highly significant to the development of Mendon. It is on the National Historic Register as a contributing property in the Mendon Historic Center District. As it sits on this list it is subject to demolition delay review. Dan checked this detail during the meeting. No vote was taken as the property will remain on the historic inventory.

The Commission members discussed looking into providing plaques for some homes. We will take this on some time during 2023.

Remaining Three Properties on List:

- 29 Providence Road. The original owner sold the property and did not pursue the request for removal. The home was built 1940-1950. The Commission members agreed to leave it on the list.
- 155 Hartford Ave East:
The date is more likely to be in the 1940's Craftsman style. The suggestion was to leave it on. There was no formal request or paperwork from the property owner so the Commission members voted unanimously to keep it on the historic inventory list.
- 62 Uxbridge Road:
Dan reported they have had some communication but nothing further in the process of requesting removal from the list. The members agreed to leave it on the list as it is one of the few remaining cottages on the lake and it meets the age requirement. If need be the owner can discuss with the Commission.

53 Taft application was in viewpoint. Based on the Agenda for tonight's meeting we can't decide to take any action. There is a chance it was overlooked. Dan will ask the owner if they could wait until next year when the new review process is scheduled.

Dan moved to close hearing. Kathy seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of closing the hearing.

3. Meeting Times:

There is great confusion with respect to meeting times for different boards and overlap. The Commission is forced to keep changing dates and times to accommodate erratic scheduling. We will send an email to the BOS to let them know what trouble this is causing.

4. Accept Meeting Minutes

The Commission will review meeting minutes at the next meeting.

5. No demolition requests have been submitted.

6. Responses for /Records Room Seth Hastings Law Office c. 1820

Lynne has heard from two firms in response to our request. One is Berdi Consulting and the other is Adam Todonio. Dan suggested we contact Mary Bulso.

7. CPA Requests for ATM

Tax Books with mold issues are being cold stored off site. The group recommends scanning books and storing them in a location where they won't harm other paper ephemera. The documents should be reviewed to prioritize treating the most valuable items.

8. Continued Discussion on Cemeteries

Janice has created a starter outline for stewards. Kathy reported she located deeds on many of the cemeteries. She will compile the information and give them to Janice. Kathy will include the information from Carlo and Betty Mencucci. Dan also suggested we have the Mencuccis' back for another workshop. Janice suggested putting an article in the newspaper. Contact information for any announcements will be historical@mendonma.gov. Janice and Kathy will meet up to review the cemetery information that has been collected.

9. Kathy moved to adjourn, second Janice all in favor.

10. Next meeting will be Monday February 13, 2023.