



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Daniel Byer
Kathleen Schofield
Janice Muldoon Moors
Lynne Roberts Chairman
Connie Beal

20 Main Street
Mendon, MA 01756

MEETING DATE	November 3, 2022
LOCATION	Hybrid
STATUS	4/27/2023

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PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Connie Beal, Kathy Schofield

Call to Order - Meeting opened

1. Accept Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from October 17th and October 25th were reviewed. Connie moved to accept the minutes as written with the addition of steward (section 6) in the October 17th minutes. Janice seconded the motion. All members moved to approve the minutes.

2. Public Hearing Request for Demolition of property located at 23 Uxbridge Road

In attendance with property owner James Quirk was his attorney Ernest Horn and resident Bill Ambrosino.

The hearing opened with a discussion regarding the unresponsive behavior of the applicant to the Commission to move the application forward. This resulted in a delay of many months. The Commission explained that they are not able to process any requests if there is no response from the applicant any suggestion that the Commission delayed the hearing was a mute- point. Upon agreement the Commission explained that without any opportunity to look at options to demolition the process was delayed.

The Commission reported that based on the additional research they were able to do on the property the association with Marcus Aldrich, a descendent of the original settlers and founder of the Mendon Historical Society is more significantly applied to the property located at 45 North Ave also known as the Torrey Homestead. The Commission remarked that these center chimney capes that were abundant along Hastings Street are almost non-existent. This particular property has been well cared for by the applicant and retains much of its original architectural features. With no creative options to repurpose the building the Commission granted the demolition request. Dan moved to approve the demolition request, Kathy seconded the motion, Connie, Janice, Lynne, Kathy and Dan approved the motion. The applicant assured that before the structure is demolished the Commission will have the opportunity to take a photographic record of the interior and exterior.

The Commission thanked the applicant for coming in and closed the hearing at 7:23 pm. Motion made by Dan, seconded by Janice all in favor to close hearing.

3. Discussion on CPA funds at the November STM

Lynne and Dan discussed the cost of restoration of the tax books which were compromised with mold spores. The Commission agreed the cost was very high and we should move for scanning the documents and safely store them until an alternative can be determined.

The Town Hall windows were discussed. The CPA will discuss funding this project along with the proposed redesign of some of the interior areas in order to make the interior more functional. The anticipated amount will be in the area of 31K.

4. Cemeteries

Lynne discussed moving along on the cemetery project. Dan asked how much of the D2 we want to order and it was decided to go with 4 gallons. He will get that ordered and have the other materials at the ready so volunteers will be able to access them once they are trained.

5. Next Meeting

November 21, 7pm Town Hall. Hearing for the removal of homes from the Historic Resource List is set for December 19th. Dan, Kathy and Lynne will get notices and abutter lists ready for mailing.

6. Other Items not Anticipated 48 hrs.

None

7. Motion to adjourn made by Kathy seconded by Lynne all members voted in Favor. 7:55pm. Adjourn