

Mendon Historical Commission

Members: Wayne Wagner, Chairman

Jane Lowell

Ellen Wagner

Tony Willoughby, Recording Secretary

Meeting Date	July 11, 2012
Location	Mendon Town Hall
Status	Approved, August 7, 2012

Present

Wayne Wagner, Jane Lowell, Ellen Wagner, Tony Willoughby

7:07 Call to Order

Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order.

7:09 Open Position

Amy DeWitt has resigned from the Historical Commission. The Commission discussed possible replacements.

Action Item ⇒E. Wagner to contact local resident Kathy Schofield, to see if she is interested.

7:11 Approve Previous Minutes

J. Lowell made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2012. The motion was seconded by E. Wagner. The motion passed with J. Lowell, E. Wagner and T. Willoughby voting aye, W. Wagner abstained.

Lowell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2012. The motion was seconded by T. Willoughby and passed unanimously.

7:17 Housing Authority Barn

J. Lowell reported that the last town meeting approved the CPC funds for stabilizing the barn. W. Wagner told the Commission that Phillip Warbasse (architect, of Chenot and Associates) has put together a plan to stabilize the barn. Mr. Warbasse's estimate is that it will cost between \$12,000 and \$16,000. The stabilization will last at least two (2) years, which will give the Commission time to seek out funds to complete the restoration.

Action Item ⇒W. Wagner to talk to Mr. Warbasse to see if he can assist us with posting the project.

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7:26 Olney Cook Artisan Shop

The Board of Selectmen's office has asked for the bond and insurance information for the project. J. Lowell stated that she believes this information is in the bid packet.

Action Item ⇒J. Lowell to follow up with the BOS office.

Lowell reported that Amy DeWitt has volunteered to deliver her project notes and photographs to Mr. Warbasse. Mr. Warbasse will communicate our desires (e.g. leaving certain components of the building visible).

7:40 Barn @ 133 North Avenue

Lowell reported that the owner of the barn has approached her for CPC funds to partially refurbish the barn. No specific amount was discussed. The Commission discussed this. T. Willoughby wanted more details before making a decision.

8:11 Cemetery Restoration

J. Lowell told the Commission that she was contacted by resident Sharon Cuttler. Ms. Cuttler would like to use CPA funds to restore gravestones in the Old Cemetery. She would like to do this before 2017, the 350th anniversary of the founding of Mendon.

W. Wagner discussed not limiting the project to the Old Cemetery. He specifically mentioned the pre-revolutionary Indian graves on Pine Hill.

Action Item ⇒T. Willoughby to talk to the Parks Department about this.

8:30 Motion to Adjourn

J. Lowell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by E. Wagner. The motion passed unanimously.

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