



## MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Meeting Date	January 9, 2018
Location	Mendon Town Hall
Status	Approved

### Present

Lynne Roberts, Kathy Schofield, Janice Muldoon Moors, Tom Merolli

### 7:05 Call to Order

Lynne called the meeting to order.

### 7:10 Review Demolition Permit Plan for 39 Hartford Ave West

Members discussed the demolition permit submitted by Julie Coffin for a one-story cottage located at 39 Hartford Ave West. Janice Muldoon Moors and Kathy Schofield completed a site visit. The earliest record of a building on the property was 1947 in a deed from Daniel and Annie Barnes to George A. Davis. A previous deed from Henry Gaskill to George A. Davis (November 22, 1937 Book 2711 page 76) has no record of a building on the premises.

Julie reported her knowledge of several structures located in this area that were used as summer cottages close to Lake Nipmuc and pointed out a canvas wall on the garage structure. Canvas was a tent material often used to construct temporary structures.

The cottage itself was in poor condition with a partial roof collapse and extensive water damage.

After discussion Kathy moved to sign the demolition permit for 39 Hartford Ave West. Janice seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the request for demolition.

### 7:45 Edits for Demolition Permit

Lynne reached out to Tim Aicardi to ask him to attend another meeting to review proposed changes to the demolition permit. She has not heard back from him yet. She will reach out to him again.

### 7:50 Strategic Objectives

Kathy gave Lynne a notebook of material written by Dick Grady on several of the historic homes and people who lived there. Lynne will review the information and see how it may fit into a homeowner packet. Kathy mentioned the birthplace or early homestead of Eli Thayer who wrote the Kansas Crusades. Eli was founder of the Worcester Academy and a proponent of the anti-slavery movement. The library owns a signed copy of his book but no one has yet to find the time to read and summarize the book. She mentioned how valuable it would be to know and share his story and connection to the town.

### 8:15 Review meeting minutes

Minutes from November and December 2017 were not ready for review. The Commission will review them at a later date.

### 8:00 Adjourn

Tom moved to adjourn. Janice seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjourning.