



## **MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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Jane Lowell  
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Meeting Date	September 1, 2015 at 7pm
Location	Mendon Town Hall
Status	Approved

### **Present**

Wayne Wagner, Don Colanton, Kathy Schofield, Jane Lowell, Ellen Wagner, Margaret Bonderenko, Mike Goddard

### **7:00 Call to Order**

Chairman Wayne Wagner called the meeting to order.

### **7:00 Meet with Margaret Bonderenko**

Town Clerk Margaret Bonderenko requested that the Historical Commission consider the use of CPA Historic Funds to digitize historical records at the Town Hall. Those records would include tax books now stored in the vault. Margaret presented an estimate of \$122,263.00 that was done in 2011 by Brown's River Mariotti Co. for Archival Preservation and Imaging. That estimate includes Conservation (\$107,663.00) and Conversion to 16 mm microfilm with Cd (\$14,600.00). The Commission agreed with the need to make the documents available electronically and the need for conservation.

The Commission agree to look at options, grant monies and other funding sources to help pay for this project.

We will meet again with Margaret after we have done some additional research.

The Commission thanked Margaret for coming in to talk about this project.

### **7:15 Review Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes from August were reviewed. Jane moved to accept the minutes as written. Don seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to accept the minutes.

### **7:20 Request for New Member**

Jane introduced Mike Goddard to the Commission. Wayne asked if he would like to join the Commission. Mike accepted the invitation. Wayne will write a letter to the Selectmen.

### **7:40pm Local Historic District Study Committee**

The Commission will ask the Board of Selectmen to officially approve the formation of a Local Historic District Study Committee. Kathy will prepare a Letter of Invitation / Nomination to be sent out by the BOS to prospective members. Mike Goddard has agreed to represent the

Historical Commission on the Study Committee.

#### **7:50 MPPF Grant**

The next step for the MPPF Grant is for the Town to place a Preservation Restriction on the Union Chapel (Taft Public Library). A formal vote of approval needs to come from the Commission. Massachusetts Historical Commission does not feel a PR on the Old Fire Station is appropriate. Jane moved to place a permanent Preservation Restriction on the Union Chapel (Taft Public Library). Ellen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Jane will prepare the article for the November 17, 2015 STM Warrant and submit it to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

#### **8:00 Olney Cook Signage**

Don Colanton presented the cost sheet from Jeanne Koles Consulting. The Commission agreed to prepare a contract with Jeanne for the exterior sign. Funding will be provided from the balance of the landscaping project totaling \$2700.00. Don will send information to Jeanne and meet with Dick Grady to discuss the history of the family and the area. Jane will forward any additional historical information she can locate. The balance of the interior sign cost will be requested out of CPA Historical Funds and placed on the November 17<sup>th</sup> STM Warrant. Members of the Commission will meet with the CPC to request that funding.

#### **8:15 Old Cemetery Funding Request**

The Commission voted unanimously in favor of requesting CPA Historic Funds for Phase 1 of the Old Cemetery Restoration totaling \$75,000.00. If approved we will move forward with an article for the November 17, 2015 STM for voter approval.

Dick Grady and John Trainor will host a Cemetery Tour in late October for anyone who wishes to learn more about the Old Cemetery. Mike Goddard will look into National Honor Society Volunteers who might be able to record the Cemetery Tour.

Kathy presented photographs of Pine Hill Cemetery and the Mowry Cemetery to report on the condition of these cemeteries. All 17 cemeteries need to have a comprehensive evaluation done in order to determine their need for restoration.

Kathy pointed out that the Mowry Cemetery on the lot of Champney Auto is completely overgrown and should be relocated to a safer and more accessible spot. Art Champney who is the owner of the property is in agreement that it should be moved.

#### **8:25 First Right of Refusal for 31-1 Miscoe Road and 3 Kim's Way**

The Commission agreed the property has no known historical significance.

#### **8:10 Historic Sign Application Review**

Kathy will work on an advertisement for the Town Crier and Milford Daily News for the Plaque Program. Wayne asked that we make sure the size of the sign for the Town Hall is larger and more fitting for the building. That will be addressed with Signs Plus. We will request a design plan for the signs and cost estimates.

#### **8:30pm Motion to Adjourn**

Don moved to adjourn the meeting. Jane seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of adjourning. The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday October 6, 2015.

