



**MENDON
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

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Wayne Wagner, Chairman
Jane Lowell
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Ellen Wagner
Don Colanton

Meeting Date	October 6, 2015 at 7pm
Location	Mendon Town Hall
Status	Approved

Present

Wayne Wagner, Don Colanton, Kathy Schofield, Mike Goddard

7:00 Call to Order

Chairman Wayne Wagner called the meeting to order.

7:00 Review Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from September were reviewed. Kathy moved to accept the minutes as amended. Don seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to accept the minutes.

7:10 Meeting with Mr. Wheeler Sylvan Springs / Miscoe Springs

Mr. Wheeler was not able to attend tonight and has rescheduled for November 3, 2015.

7:15pm Local Historic District Study Update

The Mendon Board of Selectmen submitted an official vote to establish a Local Historic District Study Committee on October 5, 2015. Kathy is preparing an invitation for nominations and will speak to Kimberly Newman on the next steps. She will review process and map out time frame to completion of study and present at the next meeting.

Mike Goddard recommended we narrow down the boundaries for the district and prioritize the historic district center first. This may help in its appeal to the public and may help gain support.

7:20 MPPF Grant

Jane submitted the edited version of the Warrant Article. Selectmen approved article on September 21, 2015. Kathy completed revisions to the RFP and it was submitted for approval to MHC. The Project should be on the Register by October 1, 2015 and Closed by November 1, 2015. Selection completed by December 1, 2015.

8:00 Olney Cook Signage

Town Counsel determined CPA funds couldn't be used for this project. The Selectmen asked for approval to remove it from the warrant and approach the Fincom for possible funding. It would go to the March STM for approval. Mike reported that CPA Funds have been used historically in other towns (Chatham)

for signage. He suggested the Outside sign might be funded through CPA funds leaving the Historical Commission project balance to pay for the interior educational signage. It was recommended that we keep Michele Sanford from the Crier updated to give the project some publicity.

8:15 November STM Items

The Request for Historic CPA funds for the Old Cemetery Phase 1 (\$75,000.00) was approved. We should expect some discussion on this at the STM. The Commission needs to designate who will speak on the topics in the Warrant.

8:25 Demolition Permit for Garage at 13 North Ave.

The Commission agreed the property has no known historical significance. Kathy moved to approve the Demolition Permit. Don seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the permit.

8:35 Historic Sign Application Review

We are waiting on an estimate from Karen Mullen at Signs Plus in Milford. We will need to identify other municipal structures that would be considered historic. The Unitarian Church and the Baptist Church should be included.

8:45 pm Motion to Adjourn

Don moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of adjourning. The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday November 3, 2015.