



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	July 26, 2022
LOCATION	Hybrid
STATUS	8/18/22

PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Kathy Schofield, Connie Beal, John Nenart and Karen Slattery Meade

Call to Order - Meeting opened at 6:20 pm

1. Accept Meeting Minutes

Lynne made a motion to accept the June 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Kathy seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes as written.

2. Meeting with Local Historic District Committee in August – New Meeting Times

The commission members discussed the new schedule for Select Board meetings and possible options for the HC to meet. It was decided that we will try meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm.

The Commission will be meeting with the LHDC on August 18th. We will review the local historic district expansion on Washington Street. Kathy expects to get feedback from Jennifer Dougherty from MHC on open parcels in the district. In addition, the LHDC is working on guidelines for new construction in districts. Jane Lowell is working on this project.

3. Records Room / Olney Cook Property Updates

We will continue to look into locating other engineering firms for the proposed work at the Records Room located at 13 Main Street. Further discussion about having an engineer come out to look at and remedy the spongy floor at the Cook Shop was reviewed as well as painting the exterior of the building.

4. Demolition Requests

There have been no new demolition requests.

5. Cemetery Workshop

Dan will be ordering the materials for cleaning cemetery stones. The Commission members discussed different aspects of the role of a cemetery steward. We will look at electronic sign-up sheets and release from liability that can be submitted by interested volunteers. Janice will work on refining the job description and role of a steward and we will review this at an upcoming meeting.

6. Other Items

Lynne has completed the letter to homeowners. She will be meeting with the Assessor to review discrepancies with the mailing list. As soon as this is complete the letters will go out to homeowners.

Janice reported that she has received great support from the Economic Development Committee to assemble a welcome package for new homeowners. The discussion discussed the best method to include coupons in the packet. It was suggested that we ask the EDC to work on the coupons while we prepare the informational part of the packet.

The Commission will reach out to the Historical Society to prepare an introduction of the history of the community. The packet will include opportunities to volunteer and general information on town operations and services.

- Our next meetings will be August 18, 2022. Kathy moved to adjourn. Janice seconded the motion. All voted in favor the meeting was closed at 8:30 pm.