



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	June 8, 2021
LOCATION	Town Hall
STATUS	Approved 8/19/21

PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Kathy Schofield, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors and Tom Merolli

Meeting opened at 7:10 pm

1. Accept Minutes from Previous Meetings

Lynne and Kathy are reviewing previous meeting minutes for accuracy. As soon as they are finished they will be distributed for review by the commission and approved.

2. Cemetery Project

Kathy has connected with several companies who have not responded to requests for quotes to repair the wall at Old Cemetery. Dan mentioned that we should check in with Alan Tetreault to see if highway was thinking about doing it themselves. Lynne will contact Superior to see if they may add it to their quote along with the Swandale Cemetery wall repair.

3. Tree Work Schedule

Alan is swamped with tree work on Route 16. Kathy will connect with him after that work is complete to schedule work in the cemeteries.

4. Blight Bylaw / Demolition Bylaw Meeting Schedule

The Commission discussed the additional work that needs to be done on the Demolition Delay and Scenic Road Bylaws to get them ready to put in front of the voters for approval. Lynne will see if Select Board member Lawney Tinio will be available in mid-August to review the proposed changes to the bylaws and make his recommendations to the Commission on how to address blight issues within the Demolition Delay Bylaw.

The Commission discussed posting this meeting as a workshop and inviting board and commission representatives to ensure we are working together. The meeting would be virtual. Lynne will also ask Mr. Tinio if Town Counsel has reviewed any of the proposed changes.

Dan will reach out to Anne Mazar to see if the Commission can work with her on the Scenic Road Bylaw. She is working on addressing clear cutting concerns. He believes there is limited protection of trees in the Bylaw. We should review the Public Shade Tree Act as it applies to the Scenic Road Bylaw.

5.. Demolition Requests

The commission did not receive any requests for demolitions this month.

6. Articles for the November STM

The Commission will have to present a proposed Preservation Restriction for the Records Room at the November STM in order to qualify for grant opportunities from the State. Kathy will research.

7. Resource List for Homeowners

Janice discussed how other towns are developing resource lists for historic homeowners in their community. She recommended that we consider doing this as well. She thought Jane Lowell might be looking into this as well on behalf of the Historic District Commission.

8. Misc. Information

Janice also reported that the District Commission approved improvements and repairs to a barn located at 19 Hastings Street. Sandra McSweeny reached out to the District Commission with a request to create a single home district of her property located at 6 Bates Street. Lynne will provide their Commission with a checklist of tasks that need to be completed and explain the process so they can move forward with her request.

Additional discussion regarding the Town Hall Campus and the next steps that should be taking place with respect to building repairs and improvement. The Commission discussed speaking with the Select Board to consider appointing a committee to make recommendations and guide the process.

The Historic District Commission is preparing to acquire signage for the historic district. They asked if the Historical Commission could fund one of these signs to offset the total cost. Tom moved to approve a sum of money not to exceed \$1500.00 to fund signage for the Historic District from the HC Account. Lynne seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the funds. Kathy added a request to replace the Historic Plaque at the Old Taft Library, an additional plaque for the Olney Cook Shop for its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and a replacement of the Sacred Grounds sign on Founders Park. Tom moved to approve funding for the additional signage. Lynne seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the funding for the signage.

Meeting was closed at 8.32 pm