



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	July 20, 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 7:47pm

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 at the next scheduled meeting.

2. Cemetery Update

Kathy has not connected with Alan about the remaining tree removal in the cemeteries. To date Locust Hill has been completed. Dan arranged to have the bill paid. The remaining trees will need to be tagged for Alan to weigh in and help with scheduling. Kathy will also check with him on the stone wall repair at Old Cemetery and see if he can recommend a contractor to do the work.

Ruth O'Grady and Peg Tetreault are waiting on a date from Superior Construction to start the wall repair at Swandale Cemetery. Alan Tetreault is looking into putting up a barrier to protect that corner from further vehicle damage.

The commission discussed the balance of cemetery repairs. It was decided it would be important to meet with Paul Braza on site at the Bicknell Cemetery to review the scope of work and schedule repair work on that wall. Lynne and Kathy will try to schedule that meeting for next week or in late August.

3. Demolition Requests

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

4. Tree Work Schedule

Details stated under cemetery work - #2.

5. Local Historic District Expansion

Lynne prepared a draft letter to residents who own historic homes in the community. The letter invites residents to reach out to the commission to find out more of the history of their properties. It also

encourages residents to get involved and consider steps for preservation of their historic homes. All members agreed it was well written and an important step in outreach and education for these homeowners and the community.

The Historic District Commission is preparing an informational session for several homeowners who have expressed an interest in single home historic districts. Lynne will send Dan Byer her information on establishing single home districts so it can be shared with these residents.

6. Moving Weights and Measures to Town Hall

The commission decided to table the discussion of moving the weights and measures cabinet located at 3 Main Street until a later date. Members agreed that first and foremost it would be more important to join forces with the LHDC and request that a building advisory committee be formed to guide any remodeling or renovation to our historic municipal buildings. Lynne offered to draft a letter to present to the LHDC for their approval. Once that is approved we will present it to the Select Board. In the interim Dan can check on the cabinet when he stops by the old Museum.

7. Our next meeting will be Monday August 23, 2021 at 7pm. This meeting will be full remote. Following a discussion, members agreed to continue with remote meetings for several reasons including accessibility to the public. It was decided that meetings will be moved to Mondays so all members can attend and will not conflict with Planning Board meetings.

Also, the meeting scheduled for August with Select Board member Lawney Tinio to review and edit the Demolition Delay Bylaw will have to be rescheduled as Lynne and Kathy will be out of town.

Meeting was closed at 8.55pm