



## MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	November 15, 2021
LOCATION	Virtual
STATUS	1/3/2022

PRESENT: Meeting Lynne Roberts, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Kathy Schofield, Connie Beal, Tom Merolli and Gregory Buckingham.

Meeting opened at 7:07pm

### 1. New Demolition Requests for 35 Taft Ave

Gregory Buckingham joined the meeting virtually to discuss his wish to demolish the property located at 35 Taft Ave. After careful consideration the house presents a multitude of issues pertaining to termites, water damage and foundation issues. The Luther Taft house c. 1923 represents one of the year-round residences established on the shores of Lake Nipmuc. After reviewing available information, the property meets only one of the four criteria of the Demolition Delay Bylaw. Dan motioned to approve the application. Lynne seconded the motion. Janice abstained from the vote as she was not able to read up on it in time to render an informed vote. Kathy and Tom voted in favor of the application. The vote passed. Mr. Buckingham will provide the Commission with photographs of the interior and exterior of the structure.

### 2. Continued Discussion 23 Uxbridge Road

No additional information regarding the property at 23 Uxbridge Road was available. There has been no contact with the owner.

### 3. Old Police Station – Start Process for Demolition

Dan will ask Chief Kurczy to fill out the application for demolition of the old police station as it will have to get approval from the Local Historic District Commission.

### 4. Update Cemetery Trees and Walls

Kathy has been in touch with Alan Tetreault and marked trees for removal at Bicknell. Pine Hill and George Street Cemeteries. She will speak to Ruth O'Grady about thinning out the young trees along the Quaker Cemetery. She will follow up with Braza on the Bicknell wall repair.

### 5. Response from Town Administrator Regarding Committee to Oversee Town Hall Campus Work

The Town Administrator expressed concern about having an oversight committee to review proposed changes to the Town Hall Campus and the Town Hall modifications. To date, several projects remain in queue including removal of the old police station, painting the Town Hall, well testing etc. The group appointed to oversee the campus work in collaboration with the grant written by Anne Mazar are waiting to move forward. The Commission will continue to recommend a committee to oversee work done at the Town Hall campus to ensure all needs are addressed.

### 6. STM Demolition Delay Bylaw Status

Commission members discussed comments provided by Town Counsel on the proposed modifications to the Demolition Delay Bylaw on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The edits were not forwarded to the Commission until November 10, 2021. As a result, the article to approve the changes was removed from the November 17th STM. The Commission will review the comments and meet again with town Counsel to have the edits approved and prepare the warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting in May 2022. The Commission will schedule the meeting for January 2022.

7. Trask Property Visit

Several Commission members will plan to attend the site visit at the Trask property in December. Connie Beal relayed information regarding a grave site located on that property. The members will try to locate that grave and inventory the condition of the homestead on the site.

8. Kathy moved to close the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor to adjourn at 8:47pm.