



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	June 20, 2022
LOCATION	Hybrid
STATUS	<u>7/26/22</u>

PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Kathy Schofield, Connie Beal, Jane Lowell and Ruth O'Grady

Call to Order - Meeting opened at 7:04pm

1. Accept Meeting Minutes

Dan made a motion to accept the April 12 and May 16, 2022 meeting minutes. Janice seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes as written. Connie abstained from the vote.

2. Recap of Meeting with Local Historic District Committee at 6pm

Jane Lowell reported that she had completed work on the design guidelines for new construction in historic districts. She shared a copy with the group. The revised proposal for the Washington Street District will need to be in by September and the Planning Board will need to receive a copy for review at that time. With respect to lot 30 (designated as wetlands) the group discussed if it should be excluded from the district. The group felt it was best to keep it as it is included in the boundaries of the district. The committee felt taking the swiss cheese approach and breaking off lots would not be beneficial and complicates the process. Kathy will ask Jenn Dougherty at MHC if they could advise. The District Committee and the Commission will meet again in August to finalize the proposal.

3. Records Room / Olney Cook Property Updates

Lynne has not heard back from Architect Phillip Warbasse. We will 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

A request for demolition of the commercial building at 49 Milford Street was submitted in viewpoint by Chris Funari and Landmark Realty Trust on June 17, 2022. Based on available records the building was constructed in 1975 and was a greenhouse and landscape supply business. The commission reviewed the demolition delay criteria and Kathy moved to find the structure not historically significant. Dan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the findings. Dan will notify the applicant to move forward.

5. Cemetery Workshop Recap

The Bicknell Cemetery workshop was a great success. The members felt it would be great to return in the fall to continue the stone cleaning work with volunteers. A list of materials was discussed and

storage of those materials will be in the Town Hall. Once we are able to recruit stewards for the cemeteries we can move forward with sending groups out to work independently. We will set up release forms and sign out sheets for materials. Janice will prepare a job description for the stewards. Kathy will look into purchasing the materials and purchasing signage for the cemeteries requesting family members contact the commission prior to taking on any stone cleaning independently. The Historical Society has posted all the instructions given at the workshop and we can distribute that information as well.

6. Taft Library Color Selection

The majority of members agreed to continue with a color scheme similar to the one on the old Taft Library now. Three color selections will be submitted to the Town Administrator.

7. Other Items

Lynne and Kathy will make the final edits on the homeowner letter as outlined in the Demolition Delay Bylaw. Dan is busy for the next few months with the beach and will set us up to get the mailings ready for distribution.

We now have several vacancies on the Commission. Lynne will reach out to the people who made inquiries and see if they are still interested.

The cottage property located at 56 Uxbridge Road is ready to be viewed and documented prior to demolition. Lynne, Connie and Kathy will go and take photographs. We will schedule for this week. Owners are Thomas and Kathy Hackenson.

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