



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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20 Main Street

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| Meeting Date | June 3, 2014 at 7:00pm |
| Location | Town Hall |
| Status | Approved |

7:02 Meeting Opened

Chairman Wayne Wagner opened the meeting.

7:05 Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were not approved and will be reviewed and approved at the July meeting.

7:15 Miscoe Springs Update

Don gave an update on Miscoe Springs. Don has done some additional research and spoke with Realtor Gary Smith. He also spoke to (his brother in law?). The Historical Commission members agreed we might have the option to request CPC funds. That money could be used to hire an architect with Historic Preservation experience to create a conceptual plan for the building. Jane suggested we seek the help of Phillip Warbasse from Chenot Associates. Concern was expressed about the possibility of being “waited out” until the delay was over. It was suggested that a discussion take place between Mr. Wheeler and the Historical Commission to see if there was any additional progress on the developers end.

7:30 Joy Fountain Update

Kathy checked with the Town Administrator to determine the process to getting the repairs done on the fountain. She also spoke to town council for advice on leaving the Fountain on the Ammidon Tavern Property belonging to David Lowell. She forwarded that information to Jane.

Kathy called Historic Gravestone Services of New Salem, Ma. and spoke with owner Tamara Conde. She will come out and review the new damage to the fountain and make sure the estimate is the same. She will also survey the Old Cemetery and prepare an estimate for the repair of damaged stones, cleaning and resetting stones that are leaning significantly.

(The current quote for the fountain repair is \$2700 and the money is currently set-aside in a Town account.)

7:40 Olney Cook Update

The Olney Cook Landscape project is underway and Jane and Kathy have been onsite to oversee the process. Virgilio

expects to have it completed in two weeks. A septic tank was discovered on site. It was thought to be an old well. The Board of Health was contacted. Gibson Septic emptied the septic tank as requested by the Board of Health. They did this at no charge to the Historical Commission. Virgilio collapsed the tank and the project was back on schedule. They have agreed to relocate the donated stones from the Lowell property and use them in place of the dry laid stonewall that was in the original plan. Kathy spoke to Town Administrator Kim Newman and Alan Will from Virgilio to prepare a change order to reflect those adjustments. Kathy is working with Jack Grenga to connect the electric for the pump and lighting.

7:50 Historic District and Village Overlay Districts

Kathy did some investigating on the difference between adopting a Historic District vs. a Village Overlay Historic District. It did not appear to accomplish the same objectives as the Historic District. Members reviewed the process and will look at getting a committee together to begin the process.

8:00 Master Plan Update

Kathy gave an update on the Master Plan. A survey will be sent out in August to homeowners to get additional feedback from the community following the workshops. After those have been returned and processed each group will prepare a summary of the findings and complete a list and description of objectives for each chapter. The expected presentation of the final Master Plan will be in November.

8:10 Main Street / Scenic Roads

Wayne and Jane reported that Hasting Street couldn't be included as a scenic road as it is a state roadway. Wayne will present the article at the Special Town Meeting on June 25, 2014. The article will be to designate Main Street, Elm Street and Maple Street as scenic roadways.

8:15 CPC Items / Town Hall Ramp

The members discussed the historical significance of the town hall ramp and the proposed use of CPC Funds, designated for Historical Items, to be used to repair the ramp. The Commission members agreed that the ramp is not considered historically significant. Kathy made a motion that the ramp at the Town Hall is not considered historically significant and not considered eligible for CPC Historic Funds. Jane seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

8:25 Eagle Project Outlines

The members discussed presenting the Mendon Cemetery Inventory Work to the local Boy Scout Troops for consideration as a possible Eagle Scout Project. Kathy will contact the Troops with some information to see if there might be some candidates interested in this project.

Action Items ⇒

8:30 Meeting Adjourned

Jane Lowell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Colanton seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

