



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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20 Main Street

Meeting Date	September 9, 2014 at 7:00pm
Location	Mendon Town Hall
Status	Approved

7:05 Meeting Opened

Chairman Wayne Wagner opened the meeting. In attendance: Wayne Wagner, Ellen Wagner, Jane Lowell, Don Colanton, Kathy Schofield and Mendon resident Ivy Iacoi.

7:10 Review Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed meeting minutes from May 6, 2014. Jane moved to approve the minutes as written. Don seconded the motion. All members voted to accept the minutes. The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from June 2, 2014. Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Jane seconded the motion. All voted to approve the minutes as amended. The Commission reviewed meeting minutes from August 2, 2014. Jane moved to approve the minutes as amended. Don seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes as amended.

7:20 Pearson Property

The Historical Commission discussed the deed search for the Pearson property on Quissett Road. Patrice Doucette completed the search and found no significant historical names attached to the property. Ivy Iacoi who is an abutter to the property, reported on the progress made to date to find a way to preserve the property. The CPC under the direction of Anne Mazar has been working with Mass Fisheries and Wildlife to determine if they are still interested in purchasing a portion of the land for conservation and recreational. This would allow them to preserve the wildlife habitats inside that parcel. They have approached the New England Farm Association to see if there was an interest in purchasing a portion of the land (approximately 35 acres) to lease out to farmers. They are looking at several approaches to preserving the property. The Historical Commission discussed the value of the historic stonewalls. Under the scenic by-law, only the walls that are located at the front of the property are protected. The Commission suggested that Ivy speak with an archeological society to see if they could evaluate the remaining stonewalls. It may help in the effort to try and preserve them.

7:35 Miscoe Springs Update

There was some confusion regarding who would send a letter that was prepared by Don Colanton to Mr. Wheeler. Kathy will send the letter by certified mail. There has been no response to date from Habitech or Mr. Wheeler. Don reported that there has been some drilling activity. Wayne has not heard back from Phillip Warbasse to date for assistance in evaluating the property for adaptive reuse. Wayne will call him again. The members agree they would like to know what Mr. Wheeler's intentions are for the historic building.

7:50 Cox Property Update

Kathy was not prepared to report on the Cox Property.

7:55 Joy Fountain Update and Misc. Items

Joy Fountain:

The Commission decided to meet at Founders Park on Friday September 12, 2014 to select a location for the Joy Fountain. Kathy will contact Alan Tetreault and show him where the fountain will be placed. The repairs can begin once the fountain is placed in the fall.

Cemetery Grant: Jane and Kathy have located an IFB for a cemetery project in Hanover Ma. but are not sure which tasks would be recommended for the Old Cemetery. Wayne said he would contact Phillip Warbasse to guide the process for the Old Cemetery Restoration Project and help us determine the work that should be done.

Deed Search: Jane suggested a deed search be completed on the small house (need to find the address on Hasting Street) that is next door to the new office building on the corner of Washington St. and Hastings St.

Historic Signs: Jane spoke with Margaret Carroll who reported that the storyboard for the Chestnut Hill Meting House cost the Millville Historical Society \$2000.00. She will do additional research on the signage. The Commission discussed other signage that should be considered including the Taft Library, the Cook Shop, the Museum and the Record Room.

8:10pm Mendon 350th Celebration

Wayne has agreed to join the Committee for Mendon's 350th Celebration. The Historical Commission discussed it may be a good time to begin the Historic District process. The celebration and the time leading up to it may help to reinforce the importance of preservation.

8:15pm Adjourn

Jane moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion. All members voted to adjourn.