



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	August 12, 2020
LOCATION	Virtual
STATUS	approved 1/17/22

PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Kathy Schofield, Janice Muldoon Moors, Dan Byer, Tom Merolli (late 7.35pm)

Meeting opened at 7.08pm -

1. Demolition Delay and Scenic Roads Bylaws

We still have not received a response from Kim Newman regarding the amendment to the above bylaws that Dan sent to her. Dan will contact her to see if she has reviewed the material and forwarded it to Town Counsel for her comments.

2. Records Room

Kathy Schofield has been working with Alan Tetreault of the Highway Department to seal up some of the visible openings in the Records Room, allowing more damage to the interior. We are also waiting for the gutter company to come and finish putting up the gutters which will help mitigate some of the water problems. We also need a piece of 6mm plastic sheeting for the floor. Dan will purchase this from the Town Account and members of the Commission will put it down.

3. Cemeteries

We have not heard back from anyone who would like to quote on fixing the walls at the cemeteries. We need this information to put the request for funds the November STM. Bicknell Cemetery needs the 15ft dressed granite stones moved back into place and tree work needs to be scheduled.

4. 9 Main Street, Mendon

We still have seen no signs of life or activity at the above property. The owner of this property also owns a property on Millville Road which is in very bad condition which he is trying to renovate. Both of these buildings have septic issues which the Board of Health is working on.

5. Any other Business

The STM Warrant is open. We need to determine which items will be sent to Laura for inclusion on the Warrant.

35 Cape Road was briefly discussed. Fran Marcoux (who also owns a building in Plains Industrial Park in Hopedale) is interested in purchasing the building and has sent a letter to Marcus Wenger. His plan for the property is a 12,000sqft building which can be built in just under 4 months. He advised that this is not just a steel building but would be tastefully landscaped. Kathy wants to get some of the Thayer Family artifacts from the barn which have been left there and will contact Mr Wenger for approval. She will also arrange for a photoshoot of the house with the niece before the house comes down.

Kathy and Dan advised that there is increasing damp in the basement of the Town Hall. They wanted to find out what the Police section is like and if they are running dehumidifiers.

The Cobbler's Knoll Shop is due for painting and there is water underneath the building in the basement. Kathy will contact Dan Gardner who may know someone to do the concrete work. If the condition of the building interior can be brought improved, Kathy would like to put the items from 35 Cape Road on display inside.

The State is hosting a webex on the reconstruction of Route 16 on Thursday 13th from 13pm. Dan and Kathy will attend.

Meeting closed at 8.23pm