



## MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	October 2, 2019
LOCATION	Town Hall
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In accordance with M.G.L. Ch.40A Sect. 10, the Town of Mendon will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday October 2, 2019 at the Mendon Town Hall, 20 Main Street at 7:30 PM. The Mendon Historical Commission will hold a Public Hearing for the PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF 143 Hartford Ave East MENDON, MA. Notice is hereby given under the Town of Mendon, Massachusetts, General Bylaws Chapter XXIV Sec. 4 Demolition Plan Review of the Demolition Delay Bylaw. The PUBLIC HEARING is scheduled for Wednesday October 2, 2019, 7:30pm upper meeting room Mendon Town Hall, 20 Main Street. Route 85 Realty of Mendon MA is the owner of 143 Hartford Ave East containing one two-family residential home built in 1850. This hearing is open to the public. Lynne Roberts Chairman Mendon Historical Commission This Public Hearing Notice is posted in the Milford Daily News ([milforddailynews.com](http://milforddailynews.com)) and the Worcester Telegram and Gazette Gatehouse Media. Hearing Notices are mailed to each abutter of the property

PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Kathy Schofield, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Tom Merolli, John Nenart, , Jane Lowell, Lisa Lepore, Patrice Doucette, Amy Dewitt, Cliff and Karen Santos and Jay Meehan.

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Review Demolition Paperwork 143 Hartford Ave East Prior to the scheduled hearing for 143 and 145 Hartford Ave East the Commission members reviewed all the demolition paperwork submitted by RT 85 Realty.

### 1.. Hearing at 7:30pm Demolition Request for 143 and 145 Hartford Ave East

In attendance: John Nenart, Atty. Antonellis, Jane Lowell, Lisa Lepore, Patrice Doucette, Amy Dewitt, Cliff and Karen Santos and Jay Meehan.

John Nenart presented the proposed demolition for 143 and 145 Hartford Ave East. He suggested that they were in the process of completing a deal with a bank to purchase the property from RT 85 Realty. According to Mr. Nenart there was little they could do to repurpose the structure in order to accommodate the banks needs. Although they were aware of the historic significance of the property they felt the property as it sat at this intersection would be too difficult to be a viable structure.

The Commission had several questions for Mr. Nenart including the indication to the previous owner that they would be saving the structure. They questioned the possibility of creating rental living space but that idea was not acceptable. The Commission expressed concern about how these structures represent the historic character of this area and losing them would prove to have a negative impact of this historic area. The Commission asked what if any buffers would be put in place to protect the residential abutters. Mr. Nenart suggested they have a plan in place.

The floor was opened to the public for comment and questions. Some residents were concerned about the lighting at the facility in the evenings. They were assured that downlighting would be in use and the lights would dim early in the evening. Other community members expressed their concern that we would be losing two significant structures representing a family and a doctor whose impact was significant to the area and beyond. They were not in favor of the demolition.

The hearing was closed and the Commission remarked they would render a decision after discussion at a

later date.

3. Funded Projects for November Special Town Meeting

\$500 for archival sleeves for historic documents was requested by the Historical Society. Many of these documents date back to the mid 1700's. The Commission agreed to talk to the CPC and get support. They would prepare an article for the November Special Town Meeting.

5. Adjourn

Meeting was closed at 8.45pm