



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Daniel Byer
Kathleen Schofield
Janice Muldoon Moors
Lynne Roberts Chairman
Connie Beal

20 Main Street
Mendon, MA 01756

MEETING DATE	April 27, 2023
LOCATION	Hybrid Taft Public Library
STATUS	7/24/23

historical@mendonma.gov

PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Kathy Schofield, Connie Beal

Call to Order - Meeting opened 7:05pm

1. Meeting minutes for 8/13/2022, 11/3/2022, 11/21/2022, 12/17/2022, 1/16/2023, 2/7/2023, and 2/13, 2023 were approved as written. Janice moved to approve the minutes. Lynne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
2. Dan discussed if the commission should be responsible to oversee and request funding from CPA to take care of the stone wall at Old Cemetery and the trees at Locust Hill Cemetery. Neighbors are concerned they will fall over onto their property. The group felt that tree removal should follow a certain protocol with removal of dead trees in the cemeteries being the priority.
3. The Commission continued to discuss the unaddressed questions that remain with the bylaw as it stands. Mr. Goddard suggested we go to council with a building rubric or design guideline to map out how to handle buildings which in the future may have qualities that might qualify as historic in nature.

4. Review Meeting Minutes

Not all members had the opportunity to review meeting minutes. It was decided to postpone accepting those minutes until our next scheduled meeting. Lynne asked that members review the yearly report and provide feedback.

5. Records Room and Grant Application

The group discussed the status of the grant application. It was agreed to invite Mike Amendolia into the process to address his concerns and tap into his construction expertise. Kathy will meet with Mike and share his information with the engineering firm. Kathy will speak with the neighbors about ground disturbances and the length of construction so they are aware and can express any concerns. The deadline for the grant application is March 18th.

6. Cemeteries

The Commission discussed moving forward with the next phase of the cemetery workshops. Kathy will send research information to Janice so she can compile it in one place. We will also submit an article to the Free Press to advertise a workshop in the spring months. There is still some confusion as to ownership of some of our abandoned cemeteries. Dan explained although the town is permitted to maintain some of these cemeteries there is still no clear path to who owns these

properties. We will do additional research on this. Mr. Goddard suggested we work with Town Counsel to find some answers.

Dan will access the release from liability to see if we can adapt it for cemetery work. The group discussed setting up a town email cemeteries@mendonma.gov for communications.

7. Kathy moved that the Historical Commission support the purchase of the Paddock Property. Connie seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Kathy and Dan have visited the property to establish the historic qualities of the structures. The house has been altered on the inside but retains its external features. The barn shows strong antiquity.
8. We need to connect with property owners of 99 Millville Street and 26 Uxbridge Road to access for photographs prior to demolition.
9. Schedule Next Meeting

The group is scheduled to meet with the Select Board on May 17, 2019.

All Historic Commission members voted to end the public session. Dan moved to go into executive session. Kathy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.