

#### MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Wayne Wagner, Chairman Jane Lowell Kathleen Schofield Ellen Wagner Tony Willoughby

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Meeting Date	Oct 22, 2013
Location	Mendon Town Hall
Status	Approved

#### **Present**

Wayne Wagner, Jane Lowell, Ellen Wagner, Tony Willoughby, Kathy Schofield

## 7:05 Call to Order

Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order.

## 7:05 Approve Minutes

No minutes were approved at this meeting. Meeting held to review the Demolition Application for 3 Bates Street submitted by Bradley W. Wright representing Country Home Builders of Milford, Ma.

# 7:06 Review Of Demolition Application

J. Lowell reported that further information would be needed to determine the owner of the property of 3 Bates St. It is listed as the Ezekiel Burr Homestead in the MACRIS Inventory. According to the deed search by P. Doucette his name does not appear on the list of owners. K. Schofield shared details of her search which confirmed the Bates / Bicknell lineage associated with the

home. Additional resources will be needed to determine a more accurate date on the house. Records indicate both 1831 and 1870.

W. Wagner reported back to the Commission his findings from the site visit with Bradley Wright and Building Inspector Tim Aicardi on Monday October 21, 2013. K. Schofield attended the site visit along with W. Wagner.

W. Wagner reported on the general condition of the house. The condition of the sill and water and insect damage to the beams in the basement are a concern. The members discussed the historical attributes of the home and it's significance in the area referred to as District IV in the 1830 Map of Mendon.

The four criteria, set forth to determine a buildings historic significance, were reviewed. The committee determined the house at 3 Bates St. met the following criteria:

- 1. Any building or structure, or portion thereof, within the Town which is in whole or in part seventy-five (75) or more years old or is of unknown age; and/or
- 4. The building or structure embodies, either by itself or in context with a group of buildings or structures, distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values.

Criteria that were not met in full or undetermined are:

- 2: The building or structure is associated with events or activities that have made a significant contribution to the history of Mendon, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the United States; and/or
- 3. The building or structure is associated with the life or lives of persons

significant in the history of Mendon, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the United States;

- T. Willoughby moved to declare the house on 3 Bates St. Historically Significant as defined by the Demolition Delay Bylaw criteria #1 and #4.
- J. Lowell seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Action Item** ⇒K. Schofield will prepare notification on determination and submit to owner Bradley W. Wright, the Building Department and the Board of Selectmen.

## 7:47 Motion to Adjourn

T. Willoughby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Lowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.