



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Wayne Wagner, Chairman
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Ellen Wagner
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Meeting Date	July 14, 2015 at 7pm
Location	Mendon Town Hall
Status	Approved

Present

Wayne Wagner, Ellen Wagner, Don Colanton, Jane Lowell, Kathy Schofield and TaMara Conde

7:10 Call to Order

Chairman Wayne Wagner called the meeting to order.

7:20

Meeting minutes from May and June were reviewed. Don moved to accept the May minutes as written. Jane seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to accept the minutes. Jane moved to accept the June minutes as amended. Don seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

7:21 Old Cemetery Next Steps

TaMara Conde of Historic Gravestone Services made her presentation to the Commission. She presented a completed evaluation of the stones and tombs in the Old Cemetery. The Commission discussed with her the difference between an RFP and IFB and some of the problems that could arise depending on how the project would be put out to bid. The Commission will investigate the issue further with town counsel and determine the best method of putting the project out to bid. TaMara suggested we look at other funding options and grant money that may be available to complete the entire project. She also recommended doing the project in phases as she outlined in her proposal. (i.e. the Sons of the Revolution may be able to fund Civil War Soldier Gravestone repairs).

7:35 Millville Parade Participation

Chairman Wayne Wagner presented an invitation from Margaret Carroll to the Commission to participate in the Millville 100th Anniversary Parade May 1, 2016. All voted in favor of attending.

7:41 Update Joy Fountain

Kathy updated the Commission on the progress to repair the Joy Fountain. Town Counsel is reviewing the contract and will assist with edits. As soon as it is complete TaMara Conde and the Selectmen will sign it and we can get the project underway.

7:44 Cox Property Preservation Restriction

Jane updated the Commission on the issues that are now in front of the Planning Board and the CPC regarding the Cox Property. The town is waiting for the properties (house and open space) to be deeded by the developer to the Town. The CPC request for Historic Funds in the amount of \$7,000.00 was approved at the STM in June

The group discussed the implications of the Historic Commission holding the Preservation Restriction on the house. Jane explained we (the HC) could hold the PR temporarily until the renovated house and lot is sold. The Historical Society could also hold the restriction on a temporary basis. The PR will remain in effect and stay on the property once it is sold. The Preservation Restriction will have to pass at a town meeting vote now that town counsel in their opinion on the Taft Library and Old Fire station has set the precedent. We will confirm this with Kim Newman, town administrator.

8:00 Signage Project Olney Cook Site.

Don spoke to Jeanne Koles and asked her to present some exterior sign options. The price differed depending on the material. She gave us three vendors. A cast bronze plaque would be \$2700.00 (plus installation fee of \$1100.00), The Commission discussed arranging to do the installation ourselves to reduce the cost.

Jane will confirm the exact amount we have available in our account.

The members agreed they liked the interpretive sign outside of the building and educational material inside. It was suggested we talk to Dick Grady to guide some of the content. He may have some suggestions to guide the history and education.

The Commission will look at the balance of funds available and look at CPA Historical Funding for the balance.

8:15 Historic Sign Program and Application Review.

The Commission will review this at the August meeting.

8:20 Demolition Permit for 10 Mowry Street

Tim Aicardi submitted a demolition permit for 10 Mowry St. This raised ranch was determined to have no significant historic value. Don made a motion to approve the demolition permit for 10 Mowry St. Ellen seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the demolition permit for 10 Mowry St

8:30pm Motion to Adjourn

Ellen moved to adjourn the meeting. Don seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of adjourning. The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday August 4, 2015