



## MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Meeting Date	November 13, 2018
Location	Mendon Town Hall
Status	Approved

### Present

Lynne Roberts, Kathy Schofield, Mike Goddard and Tom Merolli.

### 7:05 Call to Order

Lynne called the meeting to order.

### 7:10 Review Demolition Permit Plan for 7 Nipmuc Drive

A quorum was not present to vote on the demolition permit for 7 Nipmuc Drive. The vote is postponed.

### 7:30 Preservation Planning Cost Estimates and RFP Process

Kathy reported she did not have time to get quotes together for a preservation plan to present to the CPC. After some discussion regarding the complexity of writing an RFP and clarifying exactly what the outcome should be the group decided to table the request for funding at the STM in November. This will give the Commission to review what information is already available, what is missing and the best approach to take to build out a plan.

### 7:50 Discussion Wood Property

Lynne and Kathy reported that the Metacomet Land Trust came out to walk the Wood property and will present their ideas to the Murray's and the Commission soon. In the meantime the Commission will reach out to abutters to see if there is interest in establishing a new local district. Lynne and Mike discussed the length of the process and the importance of getting a head start with the Mass Historic Commission.

### 8:15 Miscoe Springs Update

Kathy gave an update on the request to get the town to accept the Miscoe Springs building. It has been on the BOS agenda in June and twice in October. The board expressed concern over the deterioration of the building and asked that the developer who has current ownership of the building complete a hazardous material evaluation. They remarked they would be more inclined to sell the building with a preservation restriction rather than take on the cost of owning it. The commission agreed to reach out to the people who had originally inquired about the building to see if they may still be interested in purchasing the structure. It could be executed similar to how the Town handled the house at 34 George Street several years ago.

Kathy will follow up with Gary Smith on the person who expressed interest to him as well.

### 8:30 Update on Minimum Maintenance Workshop

Lynne and Kathy attended a workshop in Lowell at the beginning of the month to join other groups interested in applying a minimum maintenance ordinance in their communities. Lynne reported it may not be an appropriate tool for Mendon but encouraged we take a look at the Bellingham Bylaw to see how it is structured and if they are finding it helpful.

#### **8:45 Contact Board Of Selectmen on use of Old Taft Library Upstairs Space.**

The Commission members agreed that the use of the upstairs space in the old library for the contractors working on the police station would be beneficial for the town. Kathy put in a written request to keep certain items in place including the original chandeliers. A request was also submitted to the BOS on behalf of the Historical Society for furnishings in the old library that could be repurposed at the new museum.

#### **9:00 Adjourn**

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy seconded the motion. All members voted to adjourn.