



MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE	January 17, 2022
LOCATION	Remote Only
STATUS	Approved 3/21/22

PRESENT: Meeting Lynne Roberts, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors, Kathy Schofield, Connie Beal, Tom Merolli and Deborah Flanagan

Call to Order - Meeting opened at 7:10pm

1. Discussion with Deborah Flanagan Chair of the Local Historic District Commission

The group discussed expansions of the Historic Districts. Of immediate significance is Washington Street which is listed in both the National Historic Register as well as the State Historic Register. Additional discussion focused on North Ave, also listed on both registers. Bates Street may also be considered in the future. The LHDC is looking for volunteers to help do the leg work to expand the district. According to the framework all documents and work needs to be completed by February 21st in order to present it at the May ATM. Single home properties could be presented May 2022 as well.

It was decided that the goal would be to cover the homes included in the MACRIS Inventory placing the district boundary at 31 Washington Street. Lynne, Kathy, Janice and Connie offered to help. The first task would be to go door to door and talk to residents on the street and get their feedback.

2. Accept Meeting Minutes

Tom made a motion to accept the January-December 2019 meeting minutes, the January-September 2020 meeting minutes and January 3, 2022 minutes. Janice seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes as written.

3. Records Room Update

Kathy reported that she met with Select Board member Mr. Tinio, Jane and David Lowell to review the boundaries of the properties located at 15 and 13 Main Street. Mr. Tinio will contact Guerriere and Hanlon Engineers to survey the area called the block to establish the property boundaries. Once the survey is completed a plan can be developed to determine the opportunity to bring water and sewer to the building and to service the foundation. There should be a base plate study and skeleton proposal coming from Bertin Engineering within the week. Kathy will circulate that information when it comes in.

4. Demolition Requests

There are no new demolition requests. Lynne reported that the certified letter was not picked up by the owner of 23 Uxbridge Road. She will send him an invite to our February meeting. The Commission is hoping to get his feedback so we can determine the next steps.

5. Cemeteries

All of the cemetery tree removal has been completed. The balance of our available funds is at \$24,800.00 and that is set aside for the wall repair at Bicknell Cemetery. Anything left over should be used to repair the wall at Old Cemetery. There is still no response from Braza yet on scheduling the work.

Kathy will contact Betty and Carlo Mencucchi to get some dates for a cemetery workshop. She and Janice will work together and contact the volunteers and the BVT Honor Society to participate. Lynne mentioned that you can purchase stone cleaning kits from Atlas.

6. Town Hall Ramp and Windows

The Commission contacted Paul Holtz and Ross Dekle for advice on replacing the windows at the Town Hall and possibly removing the ramp on the exterior of the building. A structural engineer needs to look at the ramp. The town will need to hire an historic architect to help with window replacement. It was recommended that the group get those instructions in writing from MHC.

The group discussed changes to the interior of the building as well and would like to discuss it further with the Select Board. The Commission would also like to discuss the painting of the old Taft Library. Dan will request a date to meet with the Select Board.

Other Items:

Lynne reminded members to complete their conflict of interest and send notice to the Town Clerk that it was completed. She also shared the annual report which will be submitted to the Town Administrator.

The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be on Monday February 21st at 7pm. Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Kathy seconded the motion. All members voted to adjourn.