



## MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Dan Byer, Janice Muldoon Moors and Tom Merolli and Don Morin

### Demolition Permit Application – 143 Harford Avenue East

The Commission received an application for demolition of 143 Hartford Ave East – The Dr. Daniel Thurber Homestead. The application was incomplete. There are concerns that the building is being gutted and windows and the barn door have been left open. Per the bylaw the structure needs to be secured. Lynne will reach out to John Nenart to request they secure the building and complete the permitting process before we can review it.

### Tree removal in Cemeteries

Kathy did not get a chance to meet with Alan Tetreault before she left to inspect the cemetery trees. Alan did explain that the budget for tree removal is limited and priority must be given to street tree removal.

### Eagle Scout project update

Kathy spoke to the Eagle Scout candidate who was working on the Locust Hill Cemetery. He missed the deadlines to complete his project. He will no longer be working in the cemetery but had made good progress on clearing the brush around the perimeter of the stone wall. Dan noted that they created a pile of branches and debris that parks would have to arrange to remove.

### 7.30 Demolition Application 30 Miscoe Road

The commission reviewed the preliminary information regarding a demolition permit for 30 Miscoe Road also listed as 26 Miscoe Road by the town assessor. The current owner of the structure was not in attendance to present his information to the commission. Lynne felt he may have misunderstood and was not aware that we were expecting him to be at the meeting. She will get in touch with him and reschedule. The commission discussed the condition of the home which has been unoccupied for two years as well as the historical significance of this structure that dates to 1732. The commission discussed possible options to demolition and will do additional research on those options to present to the owner at the next meeting.

### Little Nipmuc Island

No news to report

Don Morin – New Police Station & Window issues

Don Morin came in to discuss progress on the new police station and review the outcome of a walk-through meeting in August with Lynne Roberts, Jane Lowell and Kathy Schofield. The objective was to identify design and architectural elements of the existing structure to ensure restoration and not removal of those elements would be prioritized. Don met with the commission after presenting those requests to the architectural firm doing the project. After discussion they feel it would be very costly to preserve the existing windows which date back to the 1950's or earlier. The commission requested that replacements follow in style with the existing windows. Don asked about disposal of the old windows. The commission requested they be put in storage until a solution might be found. It was agreed that they would be stored in the upstairs of the old Taft Library until a new home was found.

Hopedale Street designation as 'scenic road'

The Commission is preparing to recommend Hopedale Street as a scenic road. All members approved the warrant article for this recommendation as written.

Blight bylaw

Commission members discussed the frequency of blight issues for many of the historic homes that are presented for demolition. It was suggested that we consider a blight bylaw in order to avoid the neglect of these structures. Members will look at Blight Bylaws in other towns to help build a bylaw suitable for Mendon.

Adjourn: Meeting was closed at 8.47pm