

MENDON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Tom Merolli Daniel Byer Kathleen Schofield Janice Muldoon Moors Lynne Roberts Chairman

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MEETING DATE	June 1, 2020
LOCATION	<u>Virtual</u>
STATUS	approved 1/17/22

PRESENT: Lynne Roberts, Kathy Schofield, Janice Muldoon Moors, Tom Merolli, Dan Byers

Meeting opened at 7.15pm

1. Demolition Delay Bylaw/Scenic Roads Bylaw

Very short discussion with no real updates. It was felt we should continue discussions later.

2. Records Room

Kathy will email Colonial Restoration regarding the work that needs to be done. She advised that the Lowells would be willing to give up the land around the Records room but that doesn't negate the need for septic and the water issues. Moving the building was considered as a real possibility with the new site being in Founders Park and being linked to the Museum. Dan advised that Parks Department could certainly use the building for offices and storage. Kathy will list on the Mass Preservation Directory by August.

3. Local Historic District Commission – request for funding

LHDC has approached the Historical Commission with a request for funding as they have no budget and need money to fund their Public Hearing in June. They need to send out a letter to all LHD residents containing new design guidelines for districts – 96 letters and need \$200 for the Hearing. Kathy Schofield made a motion to fund the Public Hearing in the amount of up to \$500 for the purpose of reviewing the design modification guidelines with residents in the Districts. Seconded by Lynne Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

4. 9 Main Street, Mendon

The Commission discussed the above property as the house looks to be abandoned. The owner has cleared trees from the land and the Town owned land between 9 and 91/2. The wood from the trees was removed. It was decided that we should contact the Building Inspector and Board of Health as the house

could possibly be being left until there is no other option that to demolish it (Demolition by Neglect).

5. LHD's

Extending Local Historic Districts was discussed. It was felt we should talk with the Planning Board to establish some design guidelines with the intent of increasing the number of LHD's in Town.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm