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TOWN OF MENDON

Historical Commission
Mendon Town Hall
20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2009 (Approved January 29, 2009)

Attending: Amy DeWitt, Tony Willoughby, Jane Lowell. Amy DeWitt was acting Chairman.

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. A quorum was reached.

7:09 p.m. T. Willoughby made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the October 30, 2008 meeting. J. Lowell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

T. Willoughby reported that he has supplied the Board of Selectmen (through Mr. Pleau) and the Planning Board (through Ms. Daniels) with the latest draft of the demolition by-law and supporting materials.

7:12 p.m. J. Lowell reported on her efforts to understand how the state demolition codes are implemented. Regulations dealing with demolition are not necessarily all in one place (for example, the Fire Warden has authority to order the demolition of a building, as does the Board of Health). Ms. Lowell plans to continue this work.

7:17 p.m. There was discussion of a proposed by-law that would require boards and commissions to post their agenda along with meeting time. The commission considered doing this voluntarily but decided to postpone this decision until the entire commission was present.

7:22 p.m. A. DeWitt and T. Willoughby reported on their visit to the Upton Historical Commission. The Upton Commission discussed the "process" of their demolition delay by-law. Also discussed was how the Upton Commission determines "historical significance" and "preferably preserved".

7:50 p.m. There was a discussion about the upcoming presentation by the Commission to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. These presentations will both be done Monday, January 26, 2009.

8:27 p.m. J. Lowell made the following motion: The Mendon Historical Commission will work with Dick Grady to develop a walking tour of historic sites. The motion was seconded by T. Willoughby and passed unanimously. The plan is to record an audio guided tour of different parts of the town. The audio will be available as MP3 files and maps will be available as PDF files. These files will be available on the town's website.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:33 p.m. by T. Willoughby, seconded by J. Lowell. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Willoughby
Mendon Historical Commission

Items Distributed

- *Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40: Section 8D. Historical commission; establishment; powers and duties.*
- Information packet from the Upton Historical Commission.