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TOWN OF MENDON
Historical Commission
Mendon Town Hall
20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2009
(Approved: March 11, 2009)

Attending: Amy DeWitt, Jane Lowell, Ellen Wagner, Wayne Wagner, Tony Willoughby,.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was reached.

7:05 p.m. A. DeWitt made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2009 meeting. J. Lowell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7:05 p.m. The Commission discussed presentations made to the Board of Health and the Zoning By-law Review Committee. Feedback from these, and other, boards and committees have been incorporated into the text of the proposed Demolition Delay by-law.

7:16: p.m. T. Willoughby made a motion to change the language of Section 4 (iv) of the proposed by-law. The new language reads:

- (iv) The reason for the proposed demolition and data supporting said reason. Data sufficient to establish any economic justification for demolition may be included;

The motion was seconded by J. Lowell and passed unanimously

Action Item: W. Wagner to determine when the state requires a property owner to obtain a demolition permit.

Action Item: J. Lowell to contact other towns to learn how they manage the "faithfully restore" language of their by-laws.

8:11 p.m. T. Willoughby made a motion to modify Section 4 of the proposed by-law to read as follows:

Within ten (10) business days from the date of the hearing, the Commission shall file a written report with the Building Inspector on the demolition plan which shall include the following:

The motion was seconded by W. Wagner and passed unanimously.

8:23 p.m. **Action Item:** All members to bring proposed items to generate a timeline of activities that must be done before the annual town meeting.

8:25 p.m. The Commission decided to hold a public informational meeting on the proposed demolition delay by-law. It will be held on March 25 or April 8, depending on venue availability. **Action Item:** J. Lowell to arrange a venue for the informational meeting.

8:37 p.m The Commission discussed the old cobbler's shed on Hartford Avenue (at the intersection of Warfield). W. Wagner made the following motion:

The Historical Commission authorizes Jane Lowell to pursue the feasibility of obtaining a grant to restore the cobbler's shed.

The motion passed unanimously.

8:50 p.m. A. DeWitt made a motion that the Commission write a letter of support to the Town Clerk. The Clerk is applying for CPC funds to fix the drainage problem that affects the Town Hall vault. The vault contains town records that date back to the 1600's. The motion passed unanimously. Action Item: W. Wagner to compose the letter, T. Willoughby to print it on Commission letterhead and deliver it to the Town Clerk.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. by T. Willoughby; seconded by A. Dewitt. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Willoughby
Mendon Historical Commission

Items Distributed

None