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TOWN OF MENDON

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

Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2009 (Approved June 2, 2009)

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

Meeting was called to order by W. Wagner at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was reached.

7:06 p.m. J. Lowell made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2009 meeting. A. DeWitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7:08 Discussion of the cobbler shop in the Cobbler's Knoll development. J. Lowell reported the following:

- J. Lowell and T. Willoughby met with the Selectmen to discuss the shop. They agreed to provide status to the Selectmen. The Commission determined the best was to do that is to forward approved minutes to the Town Coordinator. Action: T. Willoughby to forward minutes to Dale Pleau.
- The town now holds the deed to the shop and approximately ½ acre of land.
- Research into the history of the deed has just begun, John Lundvall owned the property in 1966.
- Kirk Van Dyke, the archaeologist that did the original 40-B research for the state, believes the house was built in the early 1800's and the shop is circa 1850.
- It is believed the shop was built by Olney Cook.
- J. Lowell has inspected the upper portion of the building. She believes it's in "reasonable condition". The basement of the shop has not yet been inspected.
- There are concerns with the History Channel grant. It seems to be aimed at complete projects, and we are in the preliminary phase of this one. The Commission is concerned that a direction for the project is not yet known. The Commission plans to focus on stabilizing the building while coming to an understanding of the costs associated with rehabilitating it.

Action: Amy to call Ann Dodge of the Mass Preservation Circuit Rider program and set up a meeting with the Commission. We'd like to talk to her about implementing the demolition delay by-law and the cobbler shop.

It was decided that the Historical Commission will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Also, due to a shortage of meeting space in town hall, we will meet in the town's "Records Room" (13 Main Street).

7:40 Discussion of implementation of the demolition delay by-law.

- W. Wagner reports that last year the town issued 3 demolition permits. So far this year the town has issued 4 demolition permits.
- The Commission discussed whether it was necessary to change the current demolition permit application. Action: J. Lowell and A. DeWitt will look at the applications other towns (with demolition delay by-laws).
- Action: J. Lowell and A. DeWitt will speak to Gail Wellman of the Building Inspector's office. They will decide the best way for that office to notify the Commission when an application is submitted.
- Action: A. DeWitt will talk to Claudia Cataldo, Town Accountant, to understand the process of collecting fees.

- Action: T. Willoughby will put the approved version of the demolition delay by-law on the town website.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 p.m. by A. DeWitt, seconded by J. Lowell. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Willoughby
Mendon Historical Commission

Items Distributed

None