

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon N.Y. November 2, 2022 Meeting

Members Present:

Diane Ham (Historian), Geoff Tesch (Chair), Lynne Menz, Lynn Buehlman, Kaley Catlin, and Karen Jenkins (Town Board Liaison)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 7:00 PM

Old Business

- Local designations: Beinetti and Ham applications are still incomplete.
- Possible application for house and barn repairs and solar panel installation re Barben Farm discussed. Chair Tesch relayed the information gained from his conversation with Robyn Sedgwick of SHPO re solar and historic structures. HPC member Kaley Catlin will follow up with the Barbens.

New Business

- Chair Tesch stated that with increased activity re HPC business, and now hopefully beyond the pandemic, we will be meeting regularly, with increased delegation of duties and participation to members. Lynne Menz and Lynn Buehlman to share the secretary role. Agendas and minutes for posting on the Town website are now required to comply with the Open Meetings laws.
- HPC member Buehlman to verify HPC designated property owners list with Michelle Booth for a mailing to go out in January 2023.
- Historian Ham has provided resource materials for HPC members and others.
- Song SUP Application to the Planning Board: The HPC read and discussed the Song SUP application and Mendon Building Inspector Corey Gate's report concerning the Song property at 3913 Rush-Mendon Rd. As the Song property falls within the 500' protection buffer of 2 locally (HPC) designated properties, the applicants should be made aware that as per the EPOD 5 map, changes to the building should architecturally reflect elements of the 2 designated properties in close proximity, the adjacent Train store building, and photographs showing it's own historic origins. Member Menz drafted notes for Chair Tesch to then create a report for the Planning Board and subsequently the Applicant.

Town Board Liaison's Report

- Status of EPOD 5 corrections unknown.
- Mendon Spray Park and Military Memorial is progressing.
- There will be no tax increase in 2023.

Historian's Report

Historian Ham reported she has been providing information to a woman who is writing a book about the Cottage Hotel in the Mendon Hamlet.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM
Respectfully submitted by Lynne Menz and Geoff Tesch