

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon NY Sept 6th, 2023 Meeting

Members Present:

Diane Ham (Historian), Geoff Tesch (Chair), Lynn Buehlman, Martha Bush, Karen Jenkins (town Board Liaison)

Members Absent: Lynn Mertz (soon to leave the board), Kaley Catlin

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 7:10 PM

Minutes:

Motion- July Minutes to be approved, with one amendment by Diane,

- Diane Hamm moved, Lynn Buehlman second
- **Motion Carried**

1. Review of conversation with John Moffitt and Brent Rosiac on July 26th

- All agreed that there is some confusion between the language of the town code about the HPC and the language about the EPOD maps.
- John and Brent agreed that they should change the language to align, which will require a public hearing, but should happen this fall.
- Once the code is adjusted, we can make changes to the map to adhere to the code.
- Karen Jenkins will see if she can get this onto the agenda for the town board.

2. New Business

- Cindy Barben called Chairman Tesch to say they were moving forward with a front step replacement on their house. They submitted an application for a C of A in 2019 for the house roof and repairs, but didn't move forward with steps at that time.
- They hope to do the work themselves.
- Geoff will email them to remind them that they will still need a final C of A for the new steps.

3. Dudley/Beatty C of A Application

- The application received by the HPC is for the replacement of the roofs on two outbuildings: a barn, and a smokehouse. These are the only two buildings that have received HPC designation on the property.
- The request is to replace the asphalt roofs with charcoal-colored metal roofing.
- Lynn presented some good pictures of the buildings from the road.
- The HPC agreed that the application needs only one minor change:
- #12C, Question 1 should be YES (repair).

- With this minor change the application, the HPC has approved the Certificate of appropriateness.
- Motion to approve – Martha Bush
- Second – Dian Ham
- Motion carried
- Geoff will let the homeowners know.

4. Hollick Application for a short Term rental

- The town board asked for the HPC's comments on the application by Ms. Hollick to turn the former Benicasa House into a short term rental to support the business she runs in the Westminster Chapel.
- After full discussion, the HPC found no issues with the application:
- Motion The HPC fully supports the conditional resolution found by the Board of Appeals and has no further comments.
- Motion by Lynn Buelmann
- Second by Diane Ham
- Motion Carried.

5. Communication to homeowners with local HPC designation

- Letters were sent to homeowners and Geoff Tesch has received several responses.

6. Town Liaison Report - Karen Jenkins

- The splash park was completed and will be open through September, there has been some minor vandalism which was cleaned up.
- The town is holding a recycle day on October 14th at the Town Garage
- A mammogram mobile unit will be coming to the community center and providing this service to residents free of charge.

7. Town Historian Report – Diane Ham

- Work is ongoing on a book about the history of Mendon Ponds Park being written by Diane Ham and a her co-author Jack Bishop. The title will be Mendon Ponds Park, Fairchild's Dream.
- The book will be on press by Oct 1.

The next meeting will be Wed, October 4th at 7:00

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch