

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon NY

October 4th, 2023 Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: none

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 7:04 PM

Minutes:

Motion: September Minutes to be approved, with one amendment by Lynn Buehlman,

- Diane Hamm moved, Martha Bush second
- Motion Carried

1. Dudley Barn Roof

- The Dudleys reported that they have changed their mind about the materials for the new barn roofs and will use dark charcoal gray asphalt shingles instead of metal. As a result, the new roof will look exactly like the old roof and will present no visual changes to the historic structures.
- Chairman Tesch will update the application and approve the change via email to the homeowners.

2. Barben Porch

- The Barbens provided pictures and dimensions of the new front step replacement they plan for their house.
- They will be pouring a new concrete foundation and then using stone steps, similar to those used by one of their neighbors.
- Several questions were raised by the commission that will need some input from Corey Gates:
 - Will the Barben's need a permit for their new steps?
 - They do not plan on including railings for their steps, is this code?
 - Must the steps be evenly distributed? It appears the top step will be a couple of inches taller than the other steps, and might cause a tripping hazard.
- Chairman Tesch will call the homeowners and suggest they contact Corey.
- The HPC made a motion to conditionally approve the steps based on Corey's approval.
 - Kaley Catlin moved
 - Martha Bush 2nd
 - Motion carried

3. Term updates

- Chairman Tesch asked group for any interested in the chairmanship to please send a letter of application by November 1st.

4. Town Board Liaison Report

- The code language change requested by the HPC to align the language in two parts of the code will be on the Town Board agenda for November
- Karen reached out to Irene Bennet, a local realtor, for any interest in joining the HPC. Haven't heard back.
- Karen will miss the Nov. meeting due to surgery.
- The Town is working hard on the budget at this time.
- The town is holding a recycling day on October 14th at the Town Garage

5. Town Historian Report – Diane Ham

- The book about the history of Mendon Ponds Park, Mendon Ponds Park, Fairchild's Dream is at the printer. Several book signings will take place during the upcoming months.
- A new historic plaque has been installed noting the visit of Lafayette to the town of Mendon during his historic visit to America. It sits across from the Cottage Hotel.
- Diane has been in touch with the Pomeroy organization to replace several now-missing plaques throughout the town.

The next meeting will be Wed, November 1st at 7:00

Being no further business,

Motion to adjourn by Lynn Buehlman, Seconded by Kayley Catlin

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch