

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon NY

January 3rd, 2024 Meeting

Members Present:

Geoff Tesch (Chair), Diane Ham (Town Historian), Martha Bush, Kaley Catlin, Lynn Buehlman

Members Absent: none

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 7:07 PM

Minutes:

Motion: November Minutes to be approved with two typos fixed

- L. Buehlman moved, K. Catlin second
- Motion Carried

Old business

1. Barben Porch Update

- New concrete foundation poured
- Stone for steps not currently available
- Homeowners waiting till Spring to complete
- Homeowners will call Code enforcement re: railings and requirements.

2. Cawley Application

- Public hearing set for 2/7
- New site plans reviewed
- Questions and comments due to the Planning board before the public meeting
 - *The HPC is pleased that the site has been modified to reduce the number of houses from four to two, and to protect the wetlands.*
 - *However, because the siting of the new houses is still within the 500 ft buffer from the designated historic home, we would still ask to review any actual plans for the homes to assure that they fit in with the historic home, and don't detract from the site view of the designated property.*
 - *The current application does not reference the HPC EPOD, and we would like to stress that the Town code to protect historic properties applies to this site and the homes that will be built here.*

Discussion of Case management spreadsheet

Several changes were discussed. M. Bush to send revised version around to group.

- Put completed projects on second tab
- Add tab of all designated properties

Discussion of prospecting for new potential designated homes

- M. Bush agreed to create a new spreadsheet to manage potential applicants, and assign an HPC member to follow up.
- Agree that we should try to add 2-3 new homes to the list of HPC designees each year.

Town Board Liaison Report

- No report, as new Town board liaison has not been assigned

Town Historian Report – Diane Ham

- The book about the history of Mendon Ponds Park, Mendon Ponds Park, Fairchild's Dream is flying off the shelves and a third printing is in progress.

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

Being no further business,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch