

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon N.Y.

September 4, 2024 Meeting

Members Present:

Geoff Tesch (Chair), Diane Ham (Town Historian), Tom Dubois (Town board liaison), Lynn Buehlman, Eliza Horton, and Kaley Catlin

Visitor from the public:

Don Whitaker

Members Absent:

Martha Bush

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 7:13 PM

Minutes:

Motion- June 12, 2024 Minutes to be approved.

D. Ham moved and L. Buehlman seconded.

- Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. 16 Mendon Ionia Rd: Mendon Academy For Sale

- Real Estate Agent, Katherine Cowie, reported there are two serious parties interested in submitting a purchase offer.

2. Cawley Application, Pittsford Mendon Rd

- Three building lots were approved by the Town.
- Two building lots are currently for sale.

3. Ferraro Application/Desmond Cemetery, Rush-Mendon Rd

- The site plan was approved by the Town, with conditions.

Prospects for Designation

1. Beinetti Home, Plains Rd.

- Chairman Tesch will contact Mr. Beinetti and get an application status update.

New Business:

1. Don Whitaker and Lord/Naber Property, Rush-Mendon Rd.

- Don Whitaker is closing on 3248 Rush-Mendon Rd.
- This tax parcel was once part of 3198 Rush-Mendon Rd, the “Benjamin Birdsall House” and acreage.
- The Naber property was designated by the MHPC in 1994.
- Even though the original deed to the Naber property included the 3248 Rush-Mendon Rd property, they are currently separate tax parcels. According to the Town, there are no legal issues regarding the designated property and the soon to be acquired tax parcel by Mr. Whitaker.

Town Liaison’s Report:

1. The Town is currently collecting bids on extending the Assembly Dr. sidewalk to Mile Square Rd and Lehigh Valley Trail.
2. The Town approved a moratorium on new smoke shops.
3. The Town budget will be presented soon.

Historian’s Report:

1. Four out of five historic marker grants were approved.
 - a. We didn’t receive a grant for the Denonville Campsite marker.
 - b. D. Ham has already received the Rochester Junction grant.
2. D. Ham is writing a new book, “Migration from Michigan to Mendon.”
3. She has received requests for information from the Sentinel newspaper.
4. She received a request for information from a woman in California who is doing genealogy work on one of his ancestors who is likely a descendant of Zeb Norton.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kaley Catlin