Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon, NY October 2nd, 2024 Meeting

Members Present:

Geoff Tesch (Chair), Diane Ham (Town Historian), Tom Dubois (Town board liaison), Lynn Buehlman, Martha Bush

Visitors from the public:

None

Members Absent:

Eliza Horton, and Kaley Catlin

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 7:08 PM

Minutes:

Motion: Minutes to be approved. L. Buehlman moved and D. Ham seconded. Motion carried

Old Business:

- **16 Mendon Ionia Rd: Mendon Academy For Sale** Chairman Tesch reached out to Real Estate Agent, Katherine Cowie, who did not respond with an update.
- Cawley Application, Pittsford Mendon Rd Three building lots were approved by the Town. Two are currently for sale, and there is a large "Available" sign on the property. This issue will be moved to "completed" on the case management form.
- Falta/David G. Smith House at 445 Cheese Factory Rd.

We have received no response from our outreach early in the summer about the work that seems to be happening at the property. M. Bush will follow up with Corey Gates to see if he had contact. If not, M. Bush and Chairman Tesch will stop by to see the homeowners.

• Lockhart/ Elija Little house at 73 Taylor Rd.

This application was completed last year, but the issue of door replacement was left open for another application. There is now a large dumpster in front of the house, so M. Bush will follow up by email to see if more work is planned on the exterior.

• Don Whitaker and Lord/Naber Property next to Benjamin Birdsall house, Rush-Mendon Rd.

New owner of adjoining property came to the HPC at last meeting to make sure the designation of the Birdsell house would not affect his property. He was assured it would not. This issue will be moved to "completed" on the case management form.

Prospects for Designation

• Beinetti Home, Plains Rd.

Chairman Tesch sent Mr. Beinetti an email in September to get an application status update and has not yet heard back.

• John Bannister/Calvin Park Home, 730 Mendon-Ionia Rd Mr. Bannister has expressed some interest in designating his home. L. Buehlman to follow up with Mr. Bannister.

New Business: None this month

Town Liaison's Report:

- Two town meetings were held in the last month
- The budget process is moving along and a public hearing will be held before the final budget is released
- The tax rate will be held steady from last year.

Historian's Report:

Diane is receiving increased requests for historical information:

- Information on the Sibley family
- Genealogy interest in the Zebulon Norton family
- Information request on the Seneca history of the area
- Smith's requests for the Sentinel

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

The next meeting will be Wed, November 6th at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch