

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon, NY January 14th, 2025 Meeting

Members Present:

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

Visitors from the public:

None

Members Absent:

Kaley Catlin

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 6:58 PM

Minutes from October meeting:

Motion: Minutes to be approved.

D. Ham moved and L. Buehlman seconded.

Motion carried

New Business:

1. Mitten Subdivision

- Members discussed their concerns for the subdivision via email prior to the meeting so that comments could be prepared for the next board meeting
- Chairman Tesch prepared comments for the board
- Motion to approve HPC conditional approval of the application
 - Moved by M. Bush
 - Seconded by D. Ham
 - Motion carried

2. SEQR Form discussion

- When applications go before the Planning Board with a SEQR form (State Environmental Quality Review), there is a trigger (question #12 – about a National and State Historic Preservation designation) for the Planning Board to engage the HPC in the review of the application. Currently, this form does not mention a local designation.
- A question was raised about why the form is missing a question about local historic preservation designation.
- M. Bush agreed to reach out to NY SHPO to ask about this.

Old Business:

1. Barben's property – 983 West Bloomfield Rd

- A new C of A application was received about replacing windows on an attached porch to the property. The current windows were not original to the home and do not represent historically accurate windows, but they were there when the home was designated, so they are grandfathered in.
- The new application to replace these windows with sliding windows would also not be historically accurate, but we can only recommend, not require changes that were not part of the original designation.
- The HPC moved to give conditional approval for the Barben's plan if they would provide drawings of their replacement plan. We also will suggest they consider replacing the windows with Double-hung windows with muntins, or simulated grilles to make them look more accurate to the home.
 - L. Horton moved 1st
 - L. Buehlman 2nd
 - Motion carried
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Prospects for Designation

- **John Bannister/Calvin Park Home, 730 Mendon-Ionia Rd**
Mr. Bannister has expressed some interest in designating his home. L. Buehlman has a call in to get an update from Mr. Bannister.

Town Liaison's Report:

- The 2025 budget was passed at the December meeting
- The sidewalk project in the Mendon Hamlet continues with an engineering plan underway. The project will continue in phases.
- A new Town Employee handbook is in the works.

Historian's Report:

- Diane informed us of the Mendon Foundations' support for new signage for the Rochester Junction Park.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM

The next meeting will be Wed, February 5th at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch