

# Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon, NY

## May 7th, 2025 Meeting

### Members Present:

Geoff Tesch (Chair), Diane Ham (Town Historian), Jim Merzke (Town board liaison), Lynn Buehlman, Martha Bush, Kaley Catlin, Liz Horton

### Visitors from the public:

None

### Members Absent:

none

**Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 7:09 PM**

### Minutes from February meeting:

Motion: Minutes to be approved.

K. Catlin moved and L. Buehlman seconded.

Motion carried

### New Business:

#### 1. Zach Lockhart Fence

- Discussion about the proposed perimeter farm fence
- We agreed that the suggestion the fence is likely outside the purview of the HPC since the fence will not be attached to the house.
- Homeowner should work with Cory Gates to confirm height restrictions as relates to code.
- We would like to suggest to Mr. Lockhart that the fence should not obstruct the house from the road and that the roadside fencing should look contemporary to the home construction as much as possible.

#### 2. Orduna Preliminary application

- Property at 52 Mendon Ionia Rd is a beautiful, old home, but is not listed currently. They plan to break the lot in two. No plans for development currently.
- The HPC had no comments or recommendations except to inform the buyer that there is a 500 ft buffer that reaches their property from the cemetery across the street, and if this is sold or developed, it will need to come before the HPC because of the buffer.

### Old Business

#### 1. Barben's property – 983 West Bloomfield Rd

- Chairman Tesch updated the group with the information that the homeowners took our window recommendations to heart and the windows have been installed and look great!

## **2. Preservation benefits document**

Geoff found a number of older documents describing the benefits of preservation. Martha will scan the documents and update the benefits brochure.

### **Town Liaison's Report:**

- Much work has been done to manage issues around the highway department.
- The former superintendent resigned.
- Tom Vorhees, the retired code enforcement town employee, has taken the position temporarily to fill out the term until the next election cycle.
- Jim Merzke worked with town leadership and we will find out more about code updates related to the Historic Preservation Commission soon.

### **Historian's Report:**

- Cliff Dickenson has been made the deputy historian for the village
- Diane has been working with letters from the Norton family and may do a book about the family in early Mendon history.
- Diane has written an essay about the Town of Mendon for the Association of Towns magazine.

**Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM**

**The next meeting will be Wed, June 4th at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch