

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon, NY

June 4th, 2025 Meeting

Members Present:

Geoff Tesch (Chair), Diane Ham (Town Historian), Jim Merzke (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 7:06 PM

Minutes from February meeting:

Motion: Minutes to be approved.

L Horton moved and L. Buehlman seconded.

Motion carried

Old Business:

1. Orduna Preliminary application

- After our last meeting, we agreed we had few comments. Chairman Tesch sent our recommendations to the planning board.

New Business

1. G.Tesch, D. Ham and M. Bush met with Brent and J. Merzke re: code changes for EPOD Maps

- We summarized the recommended changes to the EPOD #5 map to be used in collaboration between HPC and the Planning Board
 - Include all designated properties -- Local, State and Federal
 - Remove historic, but undesignated properties
 - Leave in Mendon Park buffer for now
 - Create a second map with all historic properties including an insert for the Hamlet of Mendon. But this version should be on hold for now.
- The changes will be summarized in an email from Brent and put in front of the Town Board
- We can attend the meeting and send any comments back to Town Board.
- Once the process completes, we can re-do the EPOD map

Town Liaison's Report:

- Monies have been transferred from the equipment reserve to buy two plow trucks and a salter bed
- Liz Horton will be moving to the Zoning Board and will leave the HPC, but will continue to attend and contribute to HPC meetings as a non-voting member for a period of time that works for her and the HPC.
- The town has updated its records retention schedule

Historian's Report:

- Cliff Dickenson, the deputy historian for the village, is taking on more responsibilities
- Diane continues her work with letters from the Norton/Young family re: early Mendon history.
- Diane receives 2-3 requests a week on house histories

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM

The next meeting will be Wed, July 2nd at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch