

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon, NY
July 2nd, 2025 Meeting

Members Present:

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

Visitors from the public:

None

Members Absent:

Kaley Catlin

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 7:06 PM

Minutes from June meeting:

Motion: Minutes to be approved with typo changes

L. Buehlman moved, M. Bush seconded

Motion carried

Old Business:

None to report

New Business

1. 10 Topspin Drive - Crumb residence

Home plans were presented for comment from the HPC on one of the lots previously called the Cawley subdivision site. Here are the comments we came up with Wednesday 7/2/25 for #10 Topspin. **As some of the documentation was incomplete or unclear, we did not hold an official vote regarding the comments below:

1. Design-wise, we think the architects did a nice job of tying the design elements to the older style of the locally designated historic home across the street (822 Mendon Center Rd.). The single story elevation, and the use of Clapboard, board and baton and double-hung windows with mullions all give nods to the historic nature of #822 Mendon Center Rd.
2. **In looking at the approved building site plan from 6/2024, we couldn't tell which of the two approved lots is #10.** Could you clarify that for us?
3. **We would like to know the orientation of the house to Topspin Rd.** Is the garage facing the street, or is the front door facing the street? It seems referencing Ms. Crumb's current survey map would explain this, plus the street address.
4. In the approved building site plan from 6/2024 there are plantings shown to buffer the house - from Mendon Center and from Topspin Rd. The current

architectural design doesn't include a plot plan or a survey map. Are the plantings still a requirement in the current plan?

I think these are the main points of interest. I guess we can say once we have the answers to the questions above, we can provide a quick HPC approval.

These questions will be forwarded to the planning board within 24 hours.

**EDIT/*Note7/9/25: We received these answers from Brooke Buckland, Planning Board Secretary:*

- *The lot currently being developed is Lot #1 on the approved site plan.*
- *The house is angled to face the corner of Topspin Drive and Pittsford Mendon Center Road.*
- *Lot #1 will carry the address of # 40 Topspin Drive, not #10 Topspin Drive.*
- *The architectural plans do not include landscaping details. All screening, buffering, and landscaping requirements are shown on the site plan that was attached in the original email. Our Town Engineers are currently working to establish a Letter of Credit to ensure the required plantings are completed as specified.*

With answers to these questions, the HPC feels we have no additional significant comments or concerns to report. GT/MB 7/9/2025

Town Liaison's Report:

- Recommendations for EPOD #5 were presented to the board. In the July meeting, a date will be set for a public hearing.
- Other public hearings are coming up:
 - Temporary signs and the rules for these within the town.
 - Residency requirements for people appointed to specific town positions.
- A Truck replacement process is underway for snow removal equipment
- 15 Monroe Street (the old library) will be used for storage during an upcoming construction project
- The town recognized Lafayette's visit 200 years ago with a proclamation

Historian's Report:

- Diane is working on a booklet about Mendon's Revolutionary War Veterans as America's 250th approaches.
- The Deputy historian is updating the Murders in Mendon book with information about murders since it's original publication.
- The new signs at Rochester Junction are ready to install

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM

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

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch