

**Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon, NY  
February 11th, 2026 Meeting**

**Members Present:**

Geoff Tesch (chairman), Lynn Buehlman, Martha Bush, Kaley Catlin, Diane Ham, Kim Roberts (Board Liaison)

**Members Absent:**

none

**Visitors from the public:**

None

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesch at 7:01 PM**

**Minutes from October meeting:**

Move, Martha B  
Second, Diane H  
passed

**Minutes from January meeting:**

With typo change to correctly spell Kaley's name.  
Move, Kaley C  
Second, Lynn B  
passed

**New Business**

**Schoolhouse #13**

- An interested member of the public reached out to us about the deteriorating condition of the schoolhouse at the corner of Probst and Mile Square Road. She took it upon herself to reach out to the owner of the property to find out any plans for the building. We agreed that if the owner indicates to her he is receptive towards pursuing local designation, we will reach out to him through our normal methods: introductory letter, planned meeting, etc. Otherwise, the property will remain in our queue of historic properties to be considered for designation.
- Diane Ham informed us that there are a dozen or so historic schoolhouses in the town -- most of which have not been designated, but they do have important history.

**WNY Landmark Society request from December**

- Geoff reported that the Landmark Society had asked for and received the EPOD #5 map for a database of historic homes they are preparing

for realtors. Since that map is very out of date, Geoff contacted them to remove that list from their database and we will send them the spreadsheet of updated addresses (that will soon go into an updated EPOD 5 map).

### **Goals for 2026**

- We discussed potential goals for 2026. More discussion will be needed to confirm these, but some of the ideas included:
  - Approvals of the EPOD 5 and Local Historical Interest maps
  - Approach owners of outstanding homes or properties to see if they might be interested in local designation.
  - Various ideas to raise awareness of the HPC in the community - old house awards or open houses.
  - Sending a letter to all designated homeowners thanking them for maintaining their historic properties
  - Updates to the town website re:preservation
  - Adding an application for designation to the town website.
  - Consider if the town would like to designate the hamlet of Mendon as an Historic District.

### **Old Business:**

#### **EPOD #5 Map**

Kim reported that the previous town board did not adopt our most recent maps and they wanted updates and TWO maps created. As there is still some uncertainty about the new Town Board's involvement with the matter, Martha will draft a memo outlining our understanding of the requirements for the two maps, if indeed 2 maps are needed. Once we have discussed this with the town, we will move forward with getting the County GIS team to re-create the map(s).

Proposed purposes for 2 maps, open for further discussion:

**Map 1:** To become the official EPOD 5 map for the Planning Board and other official Town committees. This map will include ONLY those properties that have been locally designated by the HPC. This will include homes, barns and cemeteries that, with our designation, are required to have a 500 ft buffer around them that would trigger a review by HPC if and when development encroaches.

**Map 2:** To be used for local historical interest. This map will include properties with all designations -- Local, State, and National listings. This map may also include some historic properties that have not yet been listed. For example, this might include old houses with architectural or historic merit, a description of the historic hamlet of Mendon, and/or historic schoolhouses.

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

- Diane reported that she updated all historical overview documents for the town's locally designated properties.

- She reviewed the spreadsheet of historic properties and sent some changes for inclusion in an update.
- She received a request about the history of the Senior Citizens club.
- She received a request from an artist looking to find the "workings" of the upper mill
- She set up a table at the Mendon Winterfest
- She is looking into the history of the Partridge Hill homes, all designed by different architects in the 1980's
- She is working on a history of the businesses on Main Street.

**Kim Roberts -- Town Liaison's Report on the January 20th meeting**

- Kaley and Lynn were reappointed to the HPC
- Kim and the Town Supervisor are in search of an architect to join our group
- The Highway Department is (thankfully) keeping up with salt resources.
- The town board is looking to set up a Community Engagement committee.
- Code enforcement is planning to update sign regulations.
- Grant has been received for sidewalks in the Hamlet
- Discussions are ongoing for closing Stoney Lonesome Rd at the Clover end.
- A record retention grant is expected to help digitize documents.

**Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM**

**The next meeting will be Wed, March 11 at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch