

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon, NY
April 8th, 2026 Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Kaley Catlin

Visitors from the public:

None

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

Minutes from February meeting:

Move, Lynn B.

Second, Diane H.

Motion carried

Old Business:

EPOD #5 Map

- Martha shared the new map received from the Monroe County GIS department
- The discussion around the new map did not raise any issues.

Motion to send the map to the Supervisor and Town Board for approval was carried

Next Steps:

- Chairman Tesch will send the electronic file to Supervisor Alati with a suggestion that he share it with Don Young, the planning Board attorney, and/or the Town board attorney.
- We are recommending that the Town Board review and accept the map as the new Town EPOD #5 map.

Mendon Historic District

Discussion: We discussed the potential for a historic district in the Hamlet of Mendon.

- Martha presented her research on the process, pros and cons of designation either at the local level, or at the State and National Level.
- The group agreed that the pros and cons of a State and National designation would be more advantageous for both homeowners and the town.
- The work involved with obtaining a State and National designation would not be insignificant.

- We would like the Supervisor and/or the Town Board to consider if this is something they would like us to pursue.
- Next steps - If the Supervisor/Board would like us to pursue this designation, we would reach out to the NY State Historic Preservation Office, which would be our partner in developing the designation package.

Historian's Report:

There have been an unusually large number of requests for information coming into the Historian's office in the last month. Some of these have included:

- A request from the Ontario County Historian for information about the NY Central Peanut Rail Line that came through the town.
- A request for information about an old home on West Bloomfield that is no longer in existence.
- A request for information about an FBI raid during WWII on East Street
- A request from the local DAR for a list of Revolutionary soldiers who lived in the town.
- A request for information about the former Lynn Menz home on Ontario Street by the new owner.
- There was flooding at Rochester Junction, but no harm to the building.

Kim Roberts -- Town Liaison's Report

There has been no Town meeting since our last meeting, so no information to report.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM

The next meeting will be Wed, May 13th at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Martha Bush