

Historic Preservation Commission of Mendon N.Y.

June 10, 2026 Meeting

Members Present:

Geoff Tesch (Chair), Diane Ham (Historian), Lynn Buehlman, Martha Bush and Kaley Catlin

Members Absent:

Kim Roberts (Board Liaison)

Visitors from the public:

None

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

Minutes from May 2026:

Motion- Martha moved and Catlin seconded approval of

Action- Minutes approved

Old Business

EPOD #5 Map:

- The map did not come up at the latest Town Board meeting, but we understand there are still some concerns with the map.
- Martha agreed to discuss any concerns with Corey Gates
- Because of the review of the Osovski barn, we looked at the revised code (138-28 and 138-29) from last August. The Osovski property abuts the Livermore home, but that Cobblestone is NOT a property designated by the Mendon HPC. However, the new code extended protection to all listed properties from the State and National Historic Register. The HPC was unfortunately surprised at the language in the August code -- this was not the language we recommended. We never received the final code language, and the homeowners of all the listed properties have never been notified that this code change would put new restrictions on their properties. This could cause some significant issues in the future.

Mendon Grange Building

- The possible demolition of this building was discussed at the previous meeting. Chairman Tesch reported that he had not had any luck in contacting other historical organizations about the possibility of moving and saving the building.

New Business

Osovski Application:

- We discussed the homeowner's application for a new barn.
- We agreed that the barn is farther away from the Livermore Cobblestone than the existing buildings.
- As the Osovskis have not likely been informed of the new code, we recommend that they be grandfathered under the old code and no Historic restrictions placed on the new barn at this time.

355 Taylor Road

The homeowners have asked about the possible designation of their home.

- The home was built in the 1800's and photographs with early views of the home were available for our review.
- The home has been significantly modified in several stages over the years.
- We agreed that little of the historic aspect of the home is still in existence and Historic designation is not likely appropriate.

NY State Grants Opportunity

- Martha reported that she attended a seminar on the NY State Economic Development grants that have an application deadline of July 31 at 4:00 PM.
- If the Town and the HPC were to try to create a National and State Historic District designation for the Hamlet of Mendon, there are grants that could help pay for related expenses -- such as surveys or consultants to help with the project.
- We all agreed that the 2026 grant year deadline would be too tight, but that if this was a project that showed interest it could be pursued in 2027.

Historian's Report- Diane Ham

- The Historian is working on a history of all the village buildings
- About two requests per day come into the Historian's office.
- She is working on a project to trace Revolutionary War Soldiers who were early settlers.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bush and Geoff Tesch