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Mendham Township Historic Preservation Committee
Wednesday, April 6, 2022

In attendance:

Jo Ann Alston, Tom Baio, Susan Luciano, Melissa Saharko, Robert Scialla, Mary Shay-Millea, Sam Tolley, Helen Wall, James Zemaitis, Patricia Zimmerman (hybrid Town Hall and Zoom)

Old Business

Budget – The Township Finance Committee approved \$1,650 of the \$7,300 budget request. There is, however, \$6,800 in a reserve HPC account.

Budget priorities:

Website – to be determined whether it is part of the Township website or standalone.

Walled Garden – first priority is \$1,000 for plants and bushes for spring planting; \$1,800 for wheelbarrow, mower and other tools with options for purchase or to be sourced. Funded from Honor Roll donations. Melissa will meet with the gardeners to work out how to purchase everything.

Seed House – \$2,100 estimate to rewire including extra outlet, switch at top of stairs, light at door and outdoor outlet; \$1,400 baseboard heaters for temperature and humidity control; Estimate needed for chimney repointing. Funded from HPC reserve account. Melissa will meet with the Town Administrator to get moving on those purchases.

Greenhouse idea – Seed House Committee will look into some sort of metal framework fabrication to simulate form authentic to original.

Damaged park sign – Purchase order submitted to Town Administrator.

Hillendale tour of Mosle Mansion will take place Friday, April 8, at 10:00am

New Business

Ebenezer Byram portrait was acquired from owners of Ralston house. Mary will store the painting in her studio until a permanent home is found. Provenance and details will be researched.

Subcommittee reports:

Seed House - electrical work to be done May or June; greenhouse structure researched.

CMSP: Donated postcards have been sorted and will be reviewed for all Mendham and related industry/area content.

Fundraising: Will meet to further discuss the Walled Garden event, scheduled for May 14.

SDAM – Proposed acquisition or donation forms be used for all acquired materials.