

Medfield Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes for 1/6/25

Hybrid Meeting: Warrant Committee Room/ Zoom (recording available)

Monday, January 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Present:

MHDC: Michael Taylor, Caitlin Struble, Lauren Costello

Trinity: Abby Goldenfarb

Bellforge: Jean Mineo (exec director), Sean Redfern (DBVW architect)

Agenda:

1. Abby Goldenfarb, Trinity financial, provided an update on plans, including submission to MEPA and Planning Board this year for redevelopment of former Medfield State Hospital and is requesting a letter of support from the MHDC which was approved unanimously.
2. Bellforge application for Historic preservation of the former Lee Chapel & Infirmary (Bellforge Arts Center), Buildings 24 & 25, part of the Hospital Farm Historic District.
 - a. Legal notice was publicly posted more than 2 weeks ago
 - b. Received 2.6 million in state tax credit for historic renovation (fundraising goal 25M)
 - c. Overview of final site plan, repairing the wooden cupola and copper weathervane, replacing windows with originals where possible, building glass connector between buildings, cleaning masonry, new synthetic slate roof
 - d. Plan was approved and passed unanimously.
3. MHDC is short staffed, with 4 members and are asking the town and historical society for support in finding a 5th member, ideally from the planning board.
4. Town report draft shared with members
5. Members reminded to complete conflict of interest training
6. Reviewed 4 inquires from 2024 with no action taken

Submitted by Lauren Costello, Member