



Phoenix House c. 1820

The Borough of Mendham

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Department of Planning & Land Use
Office of Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Homeowner,

You are receiving this letter because you own a home that is located within Mendham Borough Historic District and is documented in the National Register of Historic Places. As such, your home contributes in a very real way to the warm, welcoming atmosphere of our Borough.

When the Borough was featured in the August 2013 edition of New Jersey Monthly, they complimented our town for having a "Main Street USA feeling", and the Historic District unquestionably contributes to that ambience. Your commitment to the upkeep and maintenance of your home is a tribute to the spirit of Mendham and respect for our communal heritage.

In that spirit, in 2001, The Borough Council established the Historic Preservation Commission for the protection, enhancement, and preservation of properties with historic, cultural, and architectural value in Mendham Borough. As an owner of such property, you are responsible to notify Borough staff of any alterations that you are planning for your home that may impact its historic appearance. This includes any change to the exterior appearance by addition, alteration or replacement, and any new construction of a principal or accessory structure. Note that this does not apply to ordinary maintenance on structures and does not govern colors of structures to be painted.

The HPC is here to guide you with the design, construction, and material selection process. We have compiled a list of suggested materials and an application checklist to assist you in your endeavor. We suggest that you notify the Borough to the Office of Planning & Land Use Coordinator prior to the commencement of any work. The commission is available to offer any guidance you may need.

As physical and economic pressures become greater, it is more important than ever to the historic character of the Borough to protect the historic core of the community. This is especially true along Main Street from one side of the Borough to the other. Main Street is a major thoroughfare through town and provides a streetscape which defines Mendham Borough, not only to people passing through, but to residents as well. This is, in fact, the heart of the "historic village character".

Your continued efforts to enhance and preserve the historic character of the district is to be lauded, and your neighbors in the Borough appreciate your commitment.

Sincerely,

Members of the Historic Preservation Commission

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