

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2026
REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE:

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:30 PM and the open public meetings statement was read into the record.

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Encin – Present

Mr. Tosso – Absent

Mr. Mullany – Present

Ms. Rodrigues – Absent

Mr. Van Arsdale – Present

Ms. Cass - Alternate #1: – Present

Ms. Romano - Alternate #2: - Present

MINUTES:

Mr. Van Arsdale asked for comments on the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2026. Mr. Encin asked number 5 to be removed in the conditions. Mr. Mullany made a motion to approve the minutes as revised, and Mr. Van Arsdale seconded.

Roll Call:

In favor: Mr. Encin, Mr. Mullany, and Mr. Van Arsdale

Opposed: None

Abstention: Ms. Cass and Ms. Romano

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Van Arsdale opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda.

- Mr. Weissman, 15 Tempe Wick- addresses the commission regarding the St. John the Baptist property.
- Mr. Weissman mentions his research with Morris County Historic Preservation and the \$1.3 million in historic preservation funds received over a seven-year period.
- Mr. Weissman questions the commission's possession of a document related to the property and its historic preservation issues.
- Mr. Weissman expresses concerns about the property's historic value and the limitations imposed by the funds received.
- Ms. Smith clarifies that the property's application has not yet reached the Joint Land Use Board.
- Mr. Weissman emphasizes the importance of the document's language regarding the property's restrictions and historic preservation stipulations.
- Mr. Van Arsdale explains that the commission's role is to review applications, not to conduct investigative work.

- Mr. Weissman offers to provide more information about the property and its historic value, which is appreciated by the commission.

There being no further comments, the public session was closed.

Mr. Van Arsdale announces that Mr. Tosso will be leaving the area and has submitted his resignation. Ms. Smith requests that anyone interested in joining the commission should contact her via email.

Mr. Van Arsdale notes that the HPC will table a discussion on a letter from the Friends of Mendham until the next meeting, allowing their attorney to be present for a more informed response.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, Mr. Mullany made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Romano a voice vote, all were in favor. adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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