

Hadley Historical Commission Minutes for March 24, 2015 Compiled by Jeffrey Mish

Members Present: Jeffrey Mish, Ginger Goldsbury, Tom McGee, Margaret Freeman, Marjorie Pratt Townsend

Members Absent: Linda Ziegenbein, Linda Harris

Guests: Hadley Building Committee (David Waskiewicz, David Tudryn, Dan Regish, Willy Danylieko) and Jason Johnson: Executive Director of The Friends of Lake Warner

Meeting came to order at 7:03 with Freeman approving the February 10, 2015 minutes, and McGee seconding.

North Hadley Hall

David Tudryn and the Building Committee provided a chart outlining criteria for the sale of North Hadley Hall. He stated that there were at least two proposals submitted for property development, and that one of them was residential, adding that the Hadley Planning Board informed him that they would most likely reject "housing unit" proposals for the piece.

The North Hadley property can sustain thirty-five parking spaces. Jason Johnson suggested that the Conway School of Landscape Design could contribute to the creation of the parking lot.

Tudryn wants to set up a public forum in regard to the hall's use, asking the populace of North Hadley Center: "What would you be willing to live next to," and "What don't you want to see one the North Hadley Hall property." This forum is tentatively scheduled for April 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m in North Hadley Hall.

Tudryn brought up the possibility of creating a preservation restriction for potential access to the recreation area adjacent to North Hadley Hall.

Freeman pointed out that the development of North Hadley takes away from the Scenic Byway designation of Route 47.

The preservation restriction is only for the exterior of North Hadley Hall, meaning that while the outside has to retain historic features, the inside "could be a rock-climbing wall," to use McGee's example.

North Hadley Hall was built in 1865, with an addition circa 1871. Jason Johnson reports that an original deed for the property has not been found.

Tell-Tale Gauges

Tudryn informed the Commission that the gauges were put on Russell School. Gary Berg (Town Building Maintenance) is going to monitor them, as it would cost Old Mohawk \$300 to perform the same task.

Town Hall

Tudryn pursued CPA funding for the town hall doors, but was told that the doors were a maintenance item, and thus not eligible for funding. He is going to look at the CPA application for further clarification on the aforementioned.

Tudryn will choose from the expanded standard colors for the town hall roof. The Commission pointed out that gray would match the library's roof.

Russell School

Tudryn is looking for a consultant to perform seismic and spacial analysis of the building. He already has proposals from three consultants.

Russell School is a top priority for the Commission.

Goodwin Memorial Library and Hooker School

Waskiewicz said that the library trustees are seeking an architect to begin analyzing the library this summer, and mentioned that the Wisconsin Public Library Standards (in vogue for library construction nationwide) states that libraries the size of Goodwin Memorial should be a minimum of 11,000 square feet.

Tudryn brought up the possibility of creating a "Town Campus" on the current site of Hooker School, which would include a new library, as well as a community center that could house the Park and Rec, which will be displaced from North Hadley Hall.

Tudryn asked the Commission: "How much of an asset is Hooker School in relation to historical value and preservation." The Commission deemed Hooker School to be less important than other historic buildings in Hadley.

Lake Warner

Jason Johnson produced a draft of his Form-H submission, which would aid in the creation of a historic district preserving Lake Warner. The Commission tasked him with this endeavor a year ago. It is taking longer than expected, and Freeman made a motion to use funds from "Historical Studies" to increase Johnson's pay (he was given \$500 last year). McGee seconded, acknowledging that the depth and scope of Johnson's project was more than originally anticipated.

Goldsbury moved to end the meeting at 9:00, everyone seconded.