

Hadley Historical Commission Minutes for July 28, 2015 Compiled by Jeffrey Mish

Members Present: Jeffrey Mish, Ginger Goldsbury, Linda Ziegenbein, Margaret Freeman

Absent: Marjorie Pratt Townsend, Tom McGee

Guests: Kate Kentfield, Elizabeth Rairigh, Gary Pelissier

Meeting came to order at 7:00 with Freeman approving the June minutes, Ziegenbein seconded.

Sportsman's Marina

Gary Pelissier, owner of Sportsman's Marina, presented his site plan for the alteration of his property. The proposed change would replace a 30x80 structure with one that measures 48x102.

The proposed structure is a boathouse for the Smith College crew team; it will replace the current Smith College boathouse, which is to be torn down. The new boathouse will be similar in design to the one that Umass has on the same property, with a different color roof.

Linda Ziegenbein raised the possibility of archaeological remains on the prospective dig site, taken its proximity to the Connecticut River. With Ziegenbein's point in mind, the Commission voted to approve the plan, unless archaeological remains are found on the property, or are known to exist on the site, particularly in the proposed area of construction.

After the meeting, Ziegenbein contacted Umass Archaeological Services to find out if any known sites exist on the property in question. In an E-Mail discussion, Ziegenbein indicated that "There have been artifacts recovered from two sites in the area between Aqua Vitae Road and the CT River, all Native American tools dating from 6000-3000BP to contact [with Europeans]. These were collected by W.S. Rodiman who identified many sites in Hadley in the 19th century." This discussion will be continued at the August meeting.

Expansion of Route 9

Ginger Goldsbury received communication from MassDOT regarding a plan to expand Route 9, which was approved by the Commission in 2010. Due to the five year lapse in communication, resulting in alterations to the approved plan, as well as the configuration of Historical Commission members, the Commission has requested that MassDOT come to a meeting to discuss their new plan.

Huntington Acres

Elizabeth Rairigh, from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, brought up the possibility of using CPA funds for the creation of a historic district, tentatively known as Huntington Acres, consisting of mid-twentieth century houses. The original proposal was presented to Rairigh by Marla Miller, some years ago, and has not been acted upon. The Commission will look into this.

North Hadley Hall

Rairigh will be writing the preservation restriction for North Hadley Hall. She, as well as the Commission, joined a session of the Building Committee, to finalize the regulations of the restriction. The Building Committee has received the Form B.

Tim Neyhart, of the Building Committee, raised the issue of how to write a preservation restriction without limiting property use possibilities. Rairigh responded by saying that it was possible to only place the preservation restriction on North Hadley Hall, while the adjoining ballfield could be given a different designation.

It was agreed that the preservation restriction will only be placed on the exterior of North Hadley Hall. The “wing” must be preserved, but the “bump out,” with the garage doors can be altered. The preservation restriction will be in perpetuity and no additions can be made without prior approval.

Rairigh said that preservation restrictions are usually held by towns and often designated to historical commissions to enforce.

The joint meeting ended at 8:30.