

Hadley Historical Commission Minutes for September 22, 2015 Compiled by Jeffrey Mish

Members Present: Jeffrey Mish, Ginger Goldsbury, Linda Ziegenbein, Margaret Freeman, Marjorie Pratt Townsend, Tom McGee, Kate Kentfield

Guests: Jo-Anne Konieczny, Patrick Borezo

Meeting came to order at 7:00 with Freeman approving the August Minutes, all seconded.

Library

Library Trustee, Jo-Anne Konieczny, and Library Director, Patrick Borezo, came to the Commission seeking approval for the placement of a new message board on Middle Street. The new board will be magnetic, seven feet high, and in the same location as the current message board. The colors are to be black and white, and the board will not be illuminated. All approved, instructing Konieczny and Borezo to take the proposal to the building inspector.

Borezo also presented his plan to continue refurbishing the brick walkways in front of the library using CPA money. The Commission suggested that he classify the project as renovation and preservation as opposed to maintenance.

Konieczny informed the Commission that the library received a building program grant to study options for the construction of a new library. The Goodwin Memorial Library is currently 4,500 square feet while the Wisconsin Public Library Standards (used nationwide) suggest that libraries serving communities the size of Hadley should be 10,500 to 11,000 square feet.

Based on a survey the library conducted, the people of Hadley prefer the library to be in the center of town, close to where it is currently.

The library is holding a town forum with architectural firm Johnson Roberts Associates on September 28 to discuss the following construction project options:

1. Convert Russell School into a library
2. Create an addition to the current library
3. Alter or demolish Hooker School for a new library
4. Construct a new library in the field behind Hooker School

The town will vote on the library project in May. Construction would not begin until 2017.

Margaret Freeman asked what would happen to the current library if a new one was built. Konieczny and Borezo responded by saying that a potential option would be to convert the library into an information center for regional agro-tourism.

Miscellaneous

The Commission will, once again, ask MassDOT to come to a meeting, as the answers they gave to the Commission's questions via E-Mail were unsatisfactory.

Goldsbury received the North Hadley Hall preservation restriction from Elizabeth Rairigh. The Commission will be responsible for enforcing it.

Ziegenbein moved to adjourn at 8:45, everyone seconded.