

Hadley Historical Commission Minutes for November 17, 2015 Compiled by Jeffrey Mish

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

Meeting came to order at 7:02 with Goldsbury approving the October minutes, Freeman seconded.

Hadley Master Plan

The town of Hadley will be updating its Master Plan, last changed in 2004, and is holding a meeting in December to obtain input about what townsfolk would like included in the plan. The Historical Commission plans to have a presence at the meeting, highlighting concerns about historic preservation in Hadley, as well as the importance of maintaining historic structures and landscapes as the town shapes its Master Plan for the next ten years.

Linda Ziegenbein suggested that the Commission could use the meeting as an opportunity to inform the populace about the ways in which preserving and using historic structures could be beneficial to them.

Historical Society

Ziegenbein attended a Historical Society meeting, where she expressed Historical Commission interest in collaborating with the organization in order to achieve common goals relating to historic preservation and town history. She suggested to the Society that this could be achieved through a joint committee, which would come up with program ideas and events, spurring local interest in town history. The Historical Society was mixed in their reception to Ziegenbein's proposal.

Kate Kentfield suggested that the Commission/Society could attempt to get teachers and students involved in Hadley history projects. Ziegenbein added that these could be a website and/or blog.

North Hadley Hall

Ginger Goldsbury received a draft of the North Hadley Hall preservation restriction from Elizabeth Rairigh. The Commission reviewed the restriction and is waiting for Michael Steinitz to sign off on it before anything else is done.

There was some discussion relating to the ballfield next to North Hadley Hall, and if it should be considered a separate parcel. In relation to this, Ziegenbein pointed out that it would make a difference whether or not the ballfield/green space was part of the historic character of the property.

Kentfield attended a building committee meeting and reported that they seem opposed to leaving a space for access to Lake Warner on the North Hadley Hall property.

The Commission will next meet on December 15, and switch back to the fourth Tuesday of the month in January.

Ziegenbein made a motion to adjourn at 8:30, Freeman seconded.