

Hadley Historical Commission meeting was called to order 7:00pm, 1/26/16.

Members present: Linda Ziegenbein ,Acting Chair; Margaret Freeman; Tom McGee; Kate Kentfield, Secretary.

Members absent: Marjorie Townsend, Ginger Goldsbury, Jeffrey Mish

Guests:

Morris Root of Root Engineering on behalf of Kestral Trust, Kristen DeBoer of Kestral Land Trust, Jason Johnson of Friends of Lake Warner.

Tim Murphy, property owner, resident of Hadley.

December minutes approved.

Kestral Trust/Lake Warner

Lake Warner LLC filed a NOI (Notice of Intent) with the Hadley Conservation Committee for the dam repair permits.

Kestral Trust (Lake Warner LLC) owns the dam, with a small part owned by James and Janette Sector who own the house the dam is connected to.

Plan is to completely demo parts of the concrete parts of the dam (pieces are falling off currently).

Water level in the lake will be maintained with a temporary dam during construction.

L.W.LLC will assume repair costs of 125k, 100k from CPA funds (approved by town), 100k of privately raised funds.

After repair is complete Historic Preservation Restriction will go into effect. K. DeBoer drafted Hist.Presv.Restr. according to state template.

Ziegenbein asked how HPR can apply to entity with multiple owners. Reply: owner transfer underway.

Asked: does KLT need the commission's approval for HPR to be sent to the state. Mr. Root answered no.

Ms. DeBoer asked if the commission wants to put anything into the HPR.

Question about height asked by committee. Answer: height will remain at present, 14-16ft.

Ms. DeBoer asked for point person on HHC. Unclear if one was appointed. Perhaps Margaret?

Ms. DeBoer pointed out L.W.LLC could reimburse town to hire an attorney to review/requirements of CPA.

Margaret asked Ms. DeBoer to have their attorney review it and give it to us and we'll submit it to the town. Ms. DeBoer will email us a copy.

Construction scheduled to begin July 1st 2016.

Some environmental concerns: trees need to be removed before bats come out of hibernation (April).

Tim Murphy / 116 Bay Road

Mr. Murphy presented extensive information to the committee regarding the situation at his property at 116 Bay Road.

The committee's consensus was that we had no jurisdiction or say regarding Mr. Murphy's plan to tear down the house at that property due to irreparable damage sustained during renovations.

The home was built in 1897 however does not lie in any designated historic district.

Mr. Murphy attested to pulling all necessary permits, plans to employ appropriate lead remediation, and plans to leave the barn on the property standing. He will then sell the property at which time the new owner may do what they want with the barn including demolish it.

Letter to Mass Historical

Margaret Freeman's draft letter to Mass Historical regarding the committee's concern around the demolition of Hooker Elementary building and request for input/advice was approved.

Committee discussed future plans. Among items mentioned: PR campaign, revamp Hadley Index, apply to Mass Humanities, collaborating with Hadley Historical Society.

Ziegenbein moved to adjourn, seconded.

8:35 pm meeting adjourned.