

Hadley Historical Commission Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2016

Present: Ginger Goldsbury, Margaret Freeman, Kate Kentfield, Marjorie Townsend, Linda Ziegenbein
Absent: Jeffrey Mish
Guest: Christine Wu, graphic designer
Linda Ziegenbein recorded minutes for the meeting.

Kate Kentfield called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of August Minutes: Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

Central Rock Gym Expansion Project: Jeffrey Squire from Berkshire Design Group came in to present proposed changes to the Central Rock Gym Expansion. They are planning to construct a single-story 11,500 sq-ft separate building that will be connected to the existing building with a hallway. They will also double the size of the parking lot. Same style lighting with similar space as exists in present parking lot. Will be approx 43 ft in height (35 ft w/ 8-ft cupola) but within town height restrictions. Early spring ground breaking estimated. Dark gray asphalt roof, similar to what is on the present building. Ginger Goldsbury moved to approve the plans as presented and Margaret Freeman seconded it. The plans were approved unanimously. *Jeff, please send a letter.*

Russell School Budget and Tell-Tale Gauges: Town Manager David Nixon responded to an email inquiry from Jeffrey Mish regarding the maintenance budget and tell-tale gauge readings. As far as we can tell, no one is monitoring the tell-tale gauges. Ginger Goldsbury reported that when the gauges were installed, the Town decided to have a town employee monitor them rather than pay someone from Boston to come out at a cost of \$300 per visit. The Municipal Buildings Committee (see below) claims to know nothing of this decision.

Hadley Historical Commission minutes dated Feb. 10, 2015 recorded, "Guilford Mooring from the Select Board attended this part of our meeting. We discussed tell tales to be installed at Russell School and who would monitor them. Ginger Goldsbury agreed to check with Olde Mohawk and see if this would be part of their contract. Guilford (sic) also suggested that Dave Tudryn would have ideas as to tell when the tell tales should be monitored. Gary Byrd could monitor them or a structural engineering student from UMASS or the architectural firm to be hired by the town if the task is not done by Olde Mohawk."

Russell School and North Hadley Hall-Endangered Buildings List: This discussion was tabled because of issues with the Municipal Buildings Committee.

Summit House Photos: Tom McGee contacted and has connected the person (look in email) with someone with extensive documentation about the Summit House.

Hadley History Matters-Graphic Designer: Christine Wu (chiggins516@yahoo.com) came in to discuss potential logos for the Hadley History Matters campaign. She will return to our next meeting to show us mock-ups.

Building Committee Updates: Kate Kentfield reports that the Municipal Buildings Committee (MBC) seems to think that the tell-tale gauges are the responsibility of the Historical Commission. They report that the gauges were not installed correctly and that they think it is up to the Historical Commission to have someone monitor them. The gauges have never been checked. No one from the MBC reported their concerns about the installation of the gauges to the Historical Commission.

Evidently the DOT did video documentation of the Russell School and Town Hall prior to construction on Rte. 9. We do not know where this video is or who has it to see if there has been any damage to the buildings from the Rte. 9 improvement. Evidently, the subcontractor for the DOT has been using equipment that they are not supposed to (vibratory rollers). The MBC saw that they were using it, but did not alert anyone.

The MBC reports that they are using Russell School money for the maintenance of the Public Safety Complex. An email they submitted to the Select Board records that the Russell School had \$92,492.87. Of this, they have spent \$67,000 leaving \$25,492 for the Russell School. This contradicts what the Town Manager reported to us by email

on Sept. 1.

John Micz is putting forward a warrant to demolish North Hadley Village Hall and replace it with the new public safety building.

Linda will attend the next MBC meeting on Oct. 4 and Tom and Margaret will also. We will need to see where the meeting is- the location is hyperlinked to the Town Calendar.

Linda will mock-up a flyer to distribute at the Fall Town Meeting urging people to vote against the warrant to demolish the North Hadley Village Hall. We will review this at the next Historical Commission meeting.

Ginger will miss the October meeting. We will let her know if we reschedule it.

Select Board Town Forum at Hopkins Academy Cafeteria at 6:30 on October 19, 2016.

Adjourned 9:30 pm.