

# Hadley Historical Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Members present: Judy Stone, Ginger Goldsbury, Denise Barstow, Marjorie Townsend, Carolyn Holestien

Absent: Diana West

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Judy Stone.

## Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

### HHC Common Ground Project

The Historical Commission received 6 responses to the survey distributed to the residents on the North side of the West Street Common – 5 positive, 1 negative.

The Hadley Historical Commission voted to take a temporary step back from the Common Ground Project. For the following reasons.

- There are conflicting ideas on what the project should become.
- HHC agreed that the project should start much smaller, perhaps with just some signage. Something the committee can tackle without the help of a design firm.
- A gathering space is a great need for the town, but perhaps not in the exact realm of the Historical Commission.

Discussions brought about the idea of historical, educational signage to be added to the historic sections of Hadley including, the center of town, Hockanum, and North Hadley.

### Historical Educational Signage

Instead of continuing to focus on the center of town, the Historical Commission opted to work from south to the north of Hadley on a project that will add educational signage to Hadley, highlighting history and connecting people to the landscape.

Ginger Goldsbury is going to ask her contact who worked on a similar project in Leads, MA about the name of the sign printers that they used, pricing, and additional insights.

Denise Barstow is going to contact the Northampton Historical Society for the name of the sign printers that they used in downtown Northampton, MA, pricing, and additional insights.

Moving from south to north means that the first project area will be the National Rural Historic District of Hockanum. The present Historical Commission members divided up Hockanum and will come back to the next meeting with all potential signs for each area. At the next meeting, the group will select the top sign picks.

- Skinner State Park area – Carolyn Holestien
- School House area – Marjorie Townsend

- Meadow and Farm area – Denise Barstow
- Northern Hockanum – Judy Stone
- Southern Hockanum – Ginger Goldsbury

Once the signs are selected, the group will work on content. Perhaps a trip to the Hadley Historical Society is in order.

**Other discussion**

Judy and Denise recounted some of the highlights of the recent workshop they attended, The Benefits of Historic Preservation: Economic, Environmental, Educational and Emotional.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

**Next meeting is December 18, 2018**

Respectfully submitted, Denise Barstow