

Amherst Historical Commission
MEETING
Thursday, April 1, 2010
Town Room, Town Hall
5:45 p.m.

Present: James Wald, Chair; Gai Carpenter, Clerk; Lyle Denit, Louis Greenbaum, Elizabeth Sharpe. Staff: Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director; Nathaniel Malloy, Associate Planner. Absent: Michael Hanke, Vice-Chair. Guests: Carol Gray, Emily Lewis, Tevis Kimball, Pat Holland

Mr. Wald called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

Tevis Kimball began by presenting information on the HVAC needs of the Jones Library Special Collections. In the interests of time, Mr. Wald suggested that her presentation be truncated, as the Commission had previously heard and seen much of the material. Ms. Gray presented the library's current proposal and a consultant's report detailing needs for the entire structure, not just the Special Collections area. While members of the Commission expressed support for and understanding of the need, Mr. Denit and Ms. Carpenter commented on the procedural issue that brought a CPAC proposal to the Commission so long after the deadline for FY 2011 proposals. Mr. Greenbaum agreed with comments suggesting that a comprehensive facilities plan was needed for the libraries. Commission members also asked about the relationship between a project for Special Collections and potential later projects for the rest of the Jones building.

After some further discussion, Ms. Carpenter moved to support the request for Jones Library HVAC controls provided that such funding not impinge on any previously submitted Historical Commission priorities, Mr. Greenbaum seconded the motion, which passed 4-0 in favor.

Minutes of the meeting of March 9 were presented; Mr. Denit moved approval, second Mr. Greenbaum, approved 4-0.

The Commission agreed not to hold a demolition delay hearing for the property (barn) at 369 Strong Street so the demolition permit will be constructively granted.

Next Meetings - April 27, May 11
Adjournment 7:00

Respectfully submitted,
Gai Carpenter, Clerk