

## JOINT MEETING

### **Topsfield Planning Board And Topsfield Historical Commission September 23, 2014**

**Library Generator Site Location:** At 7:00PM, Planning Board Chairman Martha Morrison called to order the joint meeting with Historical Commission at the Town Library to consider the request of the Library Trustees for a minor modification to both the site plan and the certificate of appropriateness to allow the natural gas stand-by generator with appropriate landscape screening to be located on the High Street side property. Planning Board members present were Chairman Martha Morrison, Joseph Geller and Steven Hall. Historical Commission members present were Chairman Elizabeth Mulholland, Glenn Gollrad, Kindra Clineff and Norman Isler. Roberta Knight, Community Development Coordinator was also present.

Visitors: Selectman Richard Gandt, Library Director Laura Zalewski,

Chairman Morrison turned the chairmanship over to Elizabeth Mulholland, the Chair of the Historical Commission since the Planning Board has agreed to approve a site plan modification that would satisfy the Historical Commission pursuant to the Historic District By-law. Ms. Mulholland requested Library Director Laura Zalewski to review the site plan modifications. Ms. Zalewski noted the exterior stand-by generator when turned sideways would fit between the chiller and transformer. At this location it would meet all the regulation requirements for gas emissions and electrical power. One tree will have to be removed and a new tree and peonies will be planted as part of the new landscape plan.

Finding that the current location was acceptable and in compliance with the By-law, Chair Elizabeth Mulholland made the motion to approve the site plan modification for the standby generator; seconded by Member Norman Isler; so voted 4-0.

Waiver of Decibels: After a short discussion relative to the zoning guidelines and state regulations, Clerk Steven Hall made the motion to waive the decibel requirement for this specific situation for the stand-by generator as noted in the plans; seconded by Member Joseph Geller; so voted 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta M. Knight  
Community Development Coordinator