

Responses to questions re:

THE FRIENDS OF THE COSSITT LIBRARY, INC.
THE TOWN OF GRANBY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR AN ARCHITECTURAL TEAM OF CONSULTANTS
SKILLED IN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION
TO PREPARE A CAPITAL NEEDS/CONDITION ASSESSMENT REPORT OF
THE F.H. COSSITT LIBRARY
LOCATED IN NORTH GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

CONTRACT ## 2019-01

1. Do we have existing drawings?

On a limited basis. The plans from the 2010 building project bid and the 1984-85 addition are available, and each have drawings on file with the building department. Copies will be made available to selected team.

Estimated Timeline of Previous Renovations:

- 1923: Electricity installed; original Rochester gas or oil lamps replaced
- 1985: Addition and re-roofing (paid via grants/Friends' fund-raisers)
- 1992: Upper story windows (and some lower floor ones) replaced by the Town, repair & refinishing of main floor
- 2000: Re-roofing by Town of Granby
- 2001: Main floor book-stack layout revised; installation of improved lighting fixtures.
- 2010: Town installed steel support I beams @ main floor, brick buttresses added to exterior, coffered ceiling installed in Children's Room, handicapped access to lower level added; both entrances updated (see photos, Appendix I)

2. What is the square footage of the building

The original building is described as having a 36' x 24' wood frame. The total square footage of the current building is estimated to be 1,900 square feet.

3. Are archival photos available?

Yes, on a limited basis (see Appendix II). We have filed a request with the Salmon Brook Historical Society for any additional images they can provide.

4. Are there any known site issues?

The only known site issue/concern is the East Street Road side is where the septic tank and leach fields are.

5. How did upstairs used to connect to downstairs?

There was an original internal staircase built in 1963 under the direction of architect Dick Shope.

6. Do we have the original lights from upstairs?

There is one formerly used fixture (post-1923) in storage, but no original lights have been located.

7. Do we have a timeline in mind for the Needs Assessment? For the project as a whole?

Applications are Due by Nov. 25th. The current plan is to conduct interviews of the top candidates in mid-December and to select the candidate before the first of the year. Ideally, the full Needs Assessment will be done within the first quarter of 2020. From there, the CPC will use the Needs Assessment as the foundation for planning the remainder of the restoration project, which is anticipated to be completed over the span of several years.

Appendix I:

2010 Addition (additional photos available on request):



Appendix II

Postcard Image:

