



Bristol Historic District Commission

Application for Review of Proposed Work - Printable Application

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Project Address	Assessor's Plat	Assessor's Lot
525 Hope Street	9	37

Applicant	Applicant Phone	Applicant Email
Rogers Free Library	(401) 253-7000 x 153	ntoth@bristolri.gov

Property Owner (If Different from Applicant)	Owner Mailing Address
Town of Bristol	10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809

Architect/Engineer	A/E Phone Number	A/E Email
RGB Architects	(401) 272-1730	

Contractor	Contractor Phone Number	Contractor Email
N/A		

Work Category:	Replacing in Kind
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Description of proposed work:
The Town of Bristol has been awarded \$1.8 Million for improvements and repairs to the Rogers Free Library. Work items under the purview of the HDC will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Replacement of Roof-mounted HVAC Units- Replacement and repair of Sidewalks- Repair to Historic Windows- Repair to concrete ADA Ramps- Repair to Gutters
Full details are available in the attached specification documents.

Property History
ROGERS FREE UBRARY 1877, 1957: After the death in 1870 of Robert Rogers, president of the Eagle Bank, his widow Maria executed his wish to build a free public library. Stephen C. Earle, of Earle & Fuller, Worcester, designed a 2-1/2-story, Romanesque Revival building with a steep hip roof, crested turrets, and hip-roofed dormers. This picturesque structure is built of random-ashlar masonry with tinted mortar. On the first floor, two suites of rooms were provided for banking and on the second floor, free space was provided for the YMCA, which moved to 44852 Hope Street in 1899. The upper half of the building was destroyed by fire in 1956. Wallis E. Howe then completed a dramatic redesign, using a lower hip roof and creating a i-story facade. Surviving elements include the 3-bay portico, massive columns, and curving iron hand rails. The basement was remodeled as a children's room in the 1970s

Building Survey Data

RIHPHC ID #:	BRISoo682
HISTORIC NAME:	Rogers Free Library
ARCH. STYLE:	Richardsonian Romanesque
ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DATE (est.):	1877
ALTERATIONS TO MAJOR ARCH. SINCE 1978 (Height, Massing, Wall Covering, Trim, Windows, Porches)	
[none observed]	

Rogers Free Library
 Applicant's Name – Printed
 Date: November 12, 2024

Nicholas Toth
 Applicant's Digital Signature