



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

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Members of the Historic District Commission
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RE: Repairs and Improvements to the Rogers Free Library

Honorable Members of the Historic District Commission:

The Town of Bristol has received a \$1.8 million grant from the State of Rhode Island as part of the United States Department of the Treasury's Community Learning Center program and has chosen to invest these funds into the Rogers Free Library.

While a majority of this investment will be used to make improvements to the interior of the Library, there are a number of repairs we wish to make to the Exterior of the Library Building, especially on the original 1877 building. While these in almost all cases represent repairs in kind, we wish to ensure that the Commission is made aware of these repairs and is able to give its input.

A draft copy of the Construction documents detailing exterior repairs is attached to this application, detailing the following major items:

1. Replacement of the Rear brick walkways. The current walkways are presenting issues with ponding, sinking, and damage, causing Access issues, and it is the wish of the Town to explore replacement of the brick walkways with stamped concrete or equivalent.
2. Repair to exterior features, especially the window sashes of the 1877 building. These windows are in poor condition and our goal is to restore them wherever possible without replacing.
3. General repair to exterior features detailed in attached application.
4. Replacement of RTU HVAC Units 2-4 on the roof of the 2008 addition in kind. New units will fit similar profiles to the existing units and will not be visible from the street.

We thank the commission for its time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Toth
Planner/HDC Coordinator
Department of Community Development