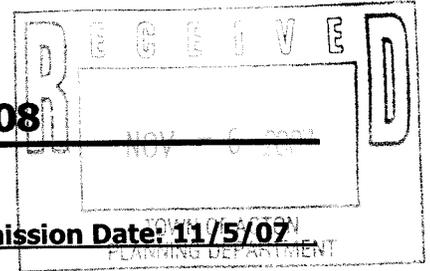


# PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – 2008



**Applicant: Town of Acton – West Acton Citizens' Library**

**Submission Date: 11/5/07**

**Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email**

**Purpose: (Please select all that apply)**

Jennifer Friedman – Librarian

Open Space

West Acton Citizens' Library

Community Housing

21 Windsor Avenue

Historic Preservation

Acton, MA 01720

Recreation

978-264-9652 – jfriedman@westactonlibrary.org

**Town Committee (if applicable):**

**Project Name: West Acton Citizens' Library Exterior Envelope Restoration**

**Project Location/Address: 21 Windsor Avenue**

**Amount Requested: \$ 67,000**

**Project Summary:** In the space below, provide a brief summary of the project.

## Project Summary

The West Acton Citizens' Library on behalf of the Town of Acton is seeking \$67,000 from the CPA fund for a restoration project on the exterior of the building, located at 21 Windsor Avenue. The project will include the following work:

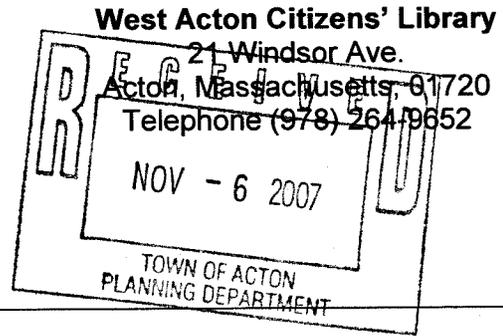
1. Restoration of original windows throughout the building
2. Removal of 3 metal heating vents from the exterior
3. Carpentry repair work as needed
4. Scraping and painting of exterior
6. Removal of step to entrance facing Pearl Street (currently made of cement and brick) to be replaced with a granite step)
7. Replacement of plastic shutters with historically accurate wooden shutters
8. Restoration of 4 wooden storm windows (found in basement)
9. Removal of aluminum storm windows on 4 windows facing Windsor Ave. (To be replaced with restored wooden storms)
10. Restoration of archway entrance and door facing Pearl Street to accommodate easier entrance into storage area from outside.
11. Period appropriate landscaping around the building set forward enough to allow proper ventilation of sill.

**Estimated Date for Commencement of Project: July 2008**

**Estimated Date for Completion of Project: October 2008**



**West Acton Citizens' Library**



Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Planning Department  
Acton Town Hall  
472 Main Street  
Acton, MA 01720

RE: Community Preservation Fund Project Application  
West Acton Citizens' Library – Exterior Envelope Restoration Project

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the Town of Acton, the West Acton Citizens' Library is pleased to submit the attached Project Application Form for the exterior restoration of the Citizens' Library Building located at 21 Windsor Avenue in the historic district of West Acton Village.

The Citizens' Library trustees and staff thank you for your consideration of this proposal and we look forward to working with the Community Preservation Committee in advancing this proposal to Town Meeting.

Respectfully yours,

  
Jennifer Friedman  
Librarian  
West Acton Citizens' Library

## **Project Narrative**

On behalf of the Town of Acton, the West Acton Citizens' Library (WACL) is asking that \$67,000 of the 2008 Community Preservation Funds be appropriated for the exterior restoration of the Citizens' Library Building at 21 Windsor Avenue. The library building was built in the late 1840s and is located in the historic district of West Acton Village. The building is the oldest publicly owned building actively being used by the town today. For these reasons and others, it is believed that this project falls squarely into the category of Historic Preservation, one of the basic tenets of the 2008 Community Preservation Plan.

## **Background**

In October of 2008, The West Acton Citizens' Library will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its inception. I have attached a copy of an article outlining the history of Citizens' Library from the *Assabet Valley Beacon* – October 1967. After reading it, the committee should have a good idea of the role Citizens' Library has played in the history of the Town of Acton and the importance of the institution as a living, working monument to the Acton of long ago.

## **Review and Recommendation Criteria**

The following section reviews the applicability of the West Acton Citizens Library Exterior Restoration Project in relation to the Review and Recommendation Criteria on page 20 of the Community Preservation Plan.

## **Consistency with the Town of Acton Community Preservation Plan**

Historic preservation is a cornerstone of the CPA. The benefits of this particular restoration project are greatly compounded by two factors. The building is located in the historic West Acton Village so the restoration can be seen not only as an isolated preservation project, but also through a wider lens as the revitalization of an historic district. Secondly, the building is a public library, open to every citizen of Acton and the surrounding communities. The restoration of the much beloved building will be noticed and appreciated by library patrons for years to come.

## **Consistency with Town of Acton Planning Documents**

Citizens' library is uniquely located in one of Acton's few walkable neighborhoods. Gates and Douglass elementary schools and the Windsor Green elderly housing complex are well within short walking distance and there is excellent sidewalk coverage in the surrounding area. The Town of Acton is heavily promoting sustainable development and smart growth. Having a newly restored public library that families, school children and the elderly can reach by foot, is fully consistent with those concepts.

The restoration project would also go toward the town wide plan to make municipal operations "greener". It is common knowledge that window restoration/replacement projects save energy and money in the long run and there is every reason to believe that will be the case in this instance.

### **Economic Feasibility**

The amount of money Citizens' Library is requesting is well within the range that CPC has given to similar projects. Once the project is complete, no more funding should be needed, as the Town of Acton will provide regular maintenance work through the municipal properties department.

### **Population Served**

Citizens' is a public library so in the greatest sense, the population served is every resident of Acton and many from the surrounding communities. In reality, many of our current patrons fall into four categories.

1. Families with very young children who attend our Monday Tot Time program.
2. West Acton neighborhood families who often walk to the library
3. Windsor Green residents ( The location of Windsor Green was chosen largely due to the fact that elderly residents could walk to the library, pharmacy, convenience stores etc.)
4. Elderly patrons and others from all around town who simply prefer our model of small town, personal service to the more modern computerized library system used at the larger libraries in the area.

The library trustees and staff believe that the population served by the library will increase due to the publicity surrounding a restoration project as well as by having greater curbside appeal once the project is complete.

### **Multiple Needs and CPA Focus Areas**

As mentioned earlier, the restoration of Citizens' Library should not be viewed in isolation, but in the greater context of the West Acton Historic District. Looking up and down Windsor Avenue, it is clear that the residents and businesses have stepped up to the plate in an effort to retain the community character of the district. The library restoration would allow the Town of Acton to make its contribution to the overall effort of Historic District Revitalization.

In another, less traditional light, the library trustees and staff believe that the library serves the town as a recreational facility. For many of our oldest and youngest patrons, a hike up Great Hill is simply not an option. Reading for pleasure is a recreational activity that people of all ages can and do enjoy.

## **Leverage of Funding**

While the library trustees and staff are hopeful that the bulk of expenses associated with the restoration project will be covered by CPA funds, the library does have committed funds and in kind services totaling \$11,000 from the Town of Acton Municipal Properties Department, the Citizens' Library Auxiliary and the Citizens' Library Gift Fund.

## **Preservation and Utilization of Currently Owned Town Property**

Citizens' Library is a public building owned and maintained by the Town of Acton. This project is specifically designed to preserve and better utilize a currently owned town property.

## **Consistency with Past Town Meeting Actions**

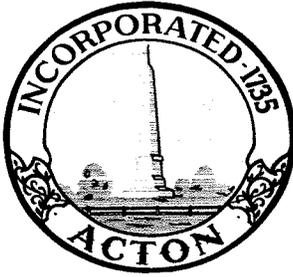
The project is fully consistent with recent Town Meeting actions in that many similar restoration projects on municipal properties have been funded in years past.

## **Competency to Implement**

The Town of Acton has successfully demonstrated competency in the implementation of similar CPA funded projects.

## **Site Control**

The Town of Acton accepted the library building as a gift at Town Meeting in 1962 and has owned and operated the property ever since.



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**Municipal Properties Department**

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**WEST ACTON CITIZEN'S LIBRARY**

**EXTERIOR ENVELOPE HISTORIC REHABILITATION**

**PROJECT SCOPE:**

1. Remove, rehabilitate, reglaze, paint twenty-one (21) windows to assure the protection of the historic elements, provide energy efficiency, and ease of operation.
2. Rehabilitate four (4) fixed exterior storm windows, install on Windsor Avenue exposure to replace four (4) aluminum triple track storm windows
3. Rehabilitation and weather stripping of exterior doors.
4. Furnish and install wood shutters on four windows on Windsor Avenue exposure to replace existing deteriorated non-functioning plastic shutters
5. Carpentry work as needed to replace rotted trim boards at sills, board in 3 areas formerly used as vents for room space heaters
6. Carpentry work as needed to provide improved access to storage area at rear of building, in keeping with archway facing Pearl Street.
7. Furnish and install granite step at storage area facing Pearl Street
8. Complete painting of exterior to blend in repairs
9. Landscaping with appropriate period plant materials, held back far enough to provide for proper ventilation.

**PROJECT BUDGET:**

1. Architect fee:	\$ 7,200
2. Carpentry:	\$26,000
3. Painting:	\$25,000
4. Contingency (15%)	\$ 8,730

**TOTAL REQUESTED FROM CPA: \$66,930**

**COST SHARE & IN KIND SERVICES:**

1. Preliminary architect study (Library gift account):	\$3,000
2. Landscape materials (Tree Planting Fund):	\$2,500
3. Labor by Municipal Properties Crew:	\$2,000
4. Project supervision by Municipal Properties Director:	\$3,500

**TOTAL COST SHARE & IN KIND SERVICES: \$11,000**

## NOTE ON COST ESTIMATE:

This estimate was prepared by the Municipal Properties Director, based on his professional opinion and experience with similar recent public projects in Acton, including most recently the Town Hall slate roof project (2006), the Town Hall paint project (2007), carpentry projects at 468 Main Street (2007), and exterior painting at 468 Main Street (2007). These numbers will be reviewed by Lerner, Ladds, and Bartels Architects. That firm has provided services for several recent relevant projects. Funding for that review will be paid for from Library gift funds. This project, since it involves the expenditure of public funds on a public building, is governed by MGL Chapter 149, including Prevailing Wages, OSHA compliance, DCAM certification, and public bidding.

## **Feasibility of Project**

The West Acton Citizens' Library is located in the West Acton Historic District and falls under the purview of the Historic District Commission. Brian Bendig, the chairman of that committee has done a site visit and the preliminary outline of the project has been brought in front of the full committee. The library has decided, based on the committee's recommendations, to pursue window restoration rather than window replacement. HDC is very supportive of this project and the library will continue to work in conjunction with the committee as all the details fall into place. Once the final plans are in place – we will seek the required Certificate of Appropriateness. The project has no other restrictions or impediments to project implementation of which we are aware.

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 ACTON, MA 01720  
 Additional Owners:

**VISION**

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 Occ Perm: SBU  
 Photo: Hist Dist W  
 Ward: P.Plant#  
 Prec: Lot#  
 Sew Zone: ASSOC PID#  
 GIS ID:

**RECORD OF OWNERSHIP**

Yr. Code	Assessed Value	Yr. Code	Assessed Value	Yr. Code	Assessed Value
2007 9035	119,600	2007 9035	119,600	2007 9035	89,700
2007 9035	260,100	2006 9035	260,100	2005 9035	220,300
<b>Total:</b>			<b>379,700</b>		

**EXEMPTIONS**

Year	Type	Description	Amount	Comm. Int.
<b>Total:</b>				

**ASSESSING NEIGHBORHOOD**

STREET INDEX NAME: TRACING BATCH

NBHD/SUB: 0001/A

NOTES: WEST ACTON LIBRARY

**APPRaised VALUE SUMMARY**

Appraised Bldg. Value (Card)	119,600
Appraised XF (B) Value (Bldg)	0
Appraised OB (L) Value (Bldg)	0
Appraised Land Value (Bldg)	260,100
Special Land Value	0
<b>Total Appraised Parcel Value</b>	<b>379,700</b>

**BUILDING PERMIT RECORD**

Permit ID	Issue Date	Type	Description	Amount	Insp. Date	% Comp.	Date Comp.	Comments
15553	02/27/1998	ROOF		3,000		0		

**LANDLINE VALUATION SECTION**

B #	Code	Use Description	Zone	D	Frontage	Depth	Units	Unit Price	Acre	I. Factor	S.A.	C. Factor	ST. Idx	Adj.	Notes-Adj	Special Pricing	Adj. Unit Price	Land Value
1	903C	TOWN-PROP MDL-94	VR		183		8,277 SF	24.40	1.03	4	1.0000	1.25		0.00			31.42	260,100
<b>Total Card Land Units: 8,277 SF Parcel Total Land Area: 8,277 SF Total Land Value: 260,100</b>																		



## A Brief History of the West Acton Citizen's Library

BY PERCY W. WOOD

The West Acton Citizens Library is one of the oldest institutions in this village, which after many years of strain and stress, is still thriving and proving to be a blessing to the Community. The first public notice regarding the proposed organization was issued on October 5, 1883 as follows: Library Notice. "The subscribers to the Citizens Library fund, and all others who want a public library in West Acton (quote) 'Controlled by the people and for the people' are notified to meet at West Acton depot, Saturday, October 6, at 7 1/2 o'clock to choose officers and transact such business as may come before the meeting."

Signed by F. C. Nash for the subscribers.

About forty gentlemen met at the time and place designated, and after being called to order by Mr. Nash, proceeded to elect a slate of officers as follows:

Luke Blanchard, President; Bradley Stone, James M. Brown, Adelbert M. Brown, Charles H. Taylor, Vice-Presidents; Charles B. Stone, Secretary; Thomas O'Brien, Assistant Secretary; Edwin Stone, Treasurer and Collector; Clara H. Nash, Librarian.

Several committees were elected also and it was voted that the library should be opened to the public on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays from 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. It was also voted that a reasonable charge be made to the members for the use of books. Then follows a list of subscribers to the fund, together with the amount of each contribution.

Seventy names are given and the sum of \$432.50 was subscribed in amounts from one dollar to fifty dollars. In addition, \$45.00 more was donated by another group of 21 persons for bookshelves, magazines and incidental expenses.

It should be noted here that not all subscribers were residents of West Acton; several persons from other parts of Acton are named, as well as many from Boxborough, including Rev. William Leonard, then pastor of the Boxborough Congregational Church.

By November 3, 1883, the executive committee was ready to report a plan for incorporation, and they had also prepared a Constitution and a set of bylaws.

On November 8, 1883, a public ceremony was held to mark the opening of the new library room. We quote from the record as follows: "Association members, ladies and friends met in Grand Army Hall with Vice President Adelbert Mead presiding. F. C. Nash, in behalf of the executive committee,

reported that the room adjoining was furnished for a library room and in a neat speech presented the key to the association, which was accepted with appropriate remarks by Vice President Mead."

Remarks by Dea. W. W. Davis, Rev. I. C. Knowlton and Rev. William Leonard, Music by Misses Hattie Whitcomb and Lizzie Gates and music and singing by Miss Lettie Newton."

It should be mentioned that the room first used for a library was later used to house the first telephone exchange and is well remembered by many of the older residents.

The acceptance and constitution and bylaws took place on December 15, 1883.

This constitution was surely what might be called a watertight legal document. In addition to the preamble there followed 12 articles, and the bylaws numbered 17.

As might be expected, the problem of financial support raised its ugly head very early in the association's existence. A supper and entertainment, the first of several annual affairs, was held on January 15, 1884, in the Universalist Church vestry, then known as Union Hall, and the receipts were reported as follows:

"Received at the door, \$37.50. Sale of ice cream \$4.25. Auction of remnants \$3.05. Total \$44.80."

At the annual meeting on October 18, 1884, the yearly dues were set at one dollar per year, a condition that was never changed. A committee was appointed to solicit funds for the library. A rather interesting item occurs in the report of the Annual meeting October 3, 1886:

"Voted the directors of the library be instructed to have an article inserted in the warrant for the next Town Meeting asking the Town to appropriate the dog tax on the dogs in the West Acton School District for the benefit of the Citizens Library." Apparently nothing came of this, for there is no further mention made of the matter. Evidently the library association was falling into debt, for a special meeting was called on May 10, 1890 "to talk over the future of the library and make arrangements for its continuance, if advisable."

Another meeting was held on June 7, and the report of F. C.

Nash was heard, which stated that Luke Blanchard was unwilling to lower the rent, but was ready to pay his share of the indebtedness. (quote) "As Mr. Nash had raised no money, he was released and a committee of ladies chosen to take

his place."

Things were evidently in an unsettled state until 1892, when arrangements were made to move the library to a small room in the Universalist Church (now the Community Center) because the rent was lower. This move was made in October 1892.

The tenth anniversary of the founding of the library was observed by a supper and program in October 1893. This evidently was the last supper served by the association. We read that in 1894 it was voted to raise money by subscription and not have the usual annual supper.

On several occasions adjournment of the Annual Meeting had to be made because of the lack of a quorum. It was finally voted to lower the quorum from nine to seven and later still, to five, but even this didn't always settle the problem.

In 1895 it was voted to give the librarian, Mrs. Dora J. Hoar, ten dollars for her services the past year, and also a vote of thanks. It was also voted to pay the librarian ten dollars for service the ensuing year. This is the first reference in the records regarding salaries. Apparently Mrs. Dora Hoar and her predecessor, Mrs. F. C. Nash, had served without compensation. Miss Ethel Cutler was the next librarian.

For the ensuing several years there was much to occupy the attention of the officers of the association entirely apart from routine business, for Phineas Weatherbee had died in 1894 and had bequeathed his house on Windsor Avenue, together with several other parcels of land, to the Citizens Library Association. However, a son of Mr. Weatherbee, who quite naturally felt displeased at being cut off from the bequest, attempted to break the will. While he didn't succeed in doing so, it took from 1894 to 1900 to settle affairs and allow the Association to come into possession of the property. In April 1900 the library was moved into the northside of the Weatherbee house after necessary changes and renovations were made. The directors were instructed to arrange for letting the remainder of the house. A family named O'Neil were perhaps the first to occupy the house under the new arrangement. They were followed by the John Campbell family who, with their descendants, lived there from 1907 to October 30, 1966.

Evidently Mr. Weatherbee's bequest had included some money as well as real estate, for there was a sizable bank account held by the Association for many years.

In December 1900 occurs the first mention of a sale of a parcel of land (a part of the real estate). It was voted to sell "7 acres of woodland, more or less, bordering on Muddy Brook, for the sum of \$200." In that same year another parcel was sold to H. C. Hayward, and this eventually became the site of the Fire Station (now the Minute Man headquarters); a section adjoining was sold to Edgar H. Hall. This latter transaction netted the association about \$400.

In 1902 the library books were recatalogued using a more up-to-date system. The report states that the card catalogue was made of standard cards of the highest grade and (quote) "ought to last 100 years." Mr. D. C. Cutler was serving as librarian at that time and the salary was \$15.00 per year.

The next person to fill the position of librarian was Mrs. Harriet H. Gardner, the beloved West Acton school teacher. She served from 1900 until she removed from Acton; her death occurred in 1918.

An extra assessment of 25 cents per member having been added in 1902, at the annual meeting in 1903 it was voted that all persons who had not paid their assessment should be dropped from the membership list. Thirty-nine names were on the delinquent list.

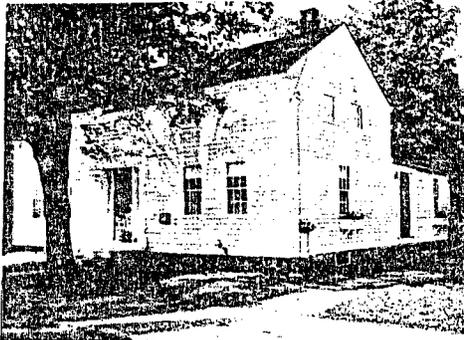
The yearly reports for a long period of time are much the same, confusing lists of elected officials, routine business, and reporting the amount of cash received from fines which was pitifully small.

The report for 1910 speaks of some suggested alterations in the library rooms. These alterations were finally accomplished in 1913. The report for 1912 mentions requesting the secretary to write to the Chairman of the Acton Board of Health requesting this body to pay for the ten books destroyed because of the scarlet fever epidemic which razed through the community that year.

(Continued next week.)



## A Brief History of the West Acton Citizen's Library



WEST ACTON CITIZENS LIBRARY on Windsor Avenue, West Acton.

### Concluding Article of 2 part series By Percy Wood

Only routine business is noted during the next several years, but it was reported that the library was closed for several weeks in the autumn of 1918 because of the influenza epidemic, and this was true of everything else in town, the Churches included.

Mrs. Mary A. Holton was the next person to serve as librarian, starting in 1918 and serving until December 1921. During her term she set in motion a plan for a financial canvass, the purpose of which was to secure funds to purchase additional books. It was quite successful, the sum of \$85 being collected.

Mrs. Ida Costello commenced her service as librarian in 1921 and served most efficiently and faithfully for the next twenty years.

The library building was seriously threatened by fire on May 1, 1922. When a garage, a former hotel, and two tenement houses and several other buildings at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Windsor Avenue were destroyed, quick work saved the library property without damage.

In May 1923 the Association sold another parcel of land adjoining the house lot to George V. Mead for \$375. Perhaps the Association felt moderately prosperous, for that same year they voted to continue the concrete sidewalk from Mr. Mead's line to the Pearl Street Corner. They also voted to install electric lights in the front hall and in the library rooms.

In December 1923 they sold another parcel of land to Col. James P. Clere for the sum of \$250, this being the lot upon which is now the home of Water Dept. Supt. Stephen Sculver. No annual meetings were held from 1925 to 1930 because of the lack of a quorum.

The sale of a parcel of land to the Town of Acton between the Luke Blanchard estate and the fire station brought \$50 and was the last real estate transaction until the final transfer of all the property to the Town in 1962.

During the 1930's quite a number of new books were added to the library and much use made of the traveling library

provided by the State. The annual meeting of 1934 brought unusual business for the members to consider. It was voted

to have a committee secure a carpenter or carpenters capable of making necessary repairs to the building and, as soon as possible, have it put in proper condition to preserve its original architecture and retain its use. The work was carried on in the summer of 1935 by Messrs. John Davison and Charles E. Smith, the library being closed for a period of six weeks. The renovations and changes included a new entrance on the north side of the building, as well as a new interior arrangement making it much more convenient both for the librarian and the library patrons. It was decided to remove the old plaster and restore the old beam ceiling. After taking down the plaster in the main section of the house, it was discovered that the ell section did not have the same large beams as the main part of the

building. However, Mr. Smith, who was an official of the Center Congregational Church, secured from the house sheds which were then being demolished, a sufficient number of timbers of the correct size and color to enable the whole project to be completely restored as planned. The fireplace was reopened and the whole interior redecorated. The sum of \$784.65 was spent on the repair project. The repairs were completed and the building reopened for the town bicentennial in July, 1935.

What may be regarded as the beginning of a transition period for the library began in 1938 because of the action of the Acton Town Meeting. Three hundred dollars was appropriated for transportation of books from the Memorial library to South and West Acton, using the West Acton library as the distribution center for this project. A sum of \$150 helped towards the librarian's compensation.

In this same year, 1938, repairs were made on the property, which were necessary as the result of the hurricane; an oil heating unit was installed also. Miss Katherine Kinsley served as librarian from 1942 until January 1, 1951 in a most efficient manner. She worked tirelessly in an effort to secure new books.

During the year 1943, the library was honored by a visit from Mrs. E. Louise Jones, State Librarian, who in addition to giving helpful suggestions, was also instrumental in obtaining a maple desk and chair for the librarian's use. Also during this year, the old barn back of the library was torn down and the grounds much improved by grading. In 1950 the sum of \$500 was expended in painting the exterior of the building and painting the woodwork and floors.

In December 1950 a letter was received from the Memorial Library trustees stating that they

deemed it expedient to discontinue the Citizens Library as a branch. In view of the librarian's suggestion and the uncertain financial situation, it was voted to close the Citizens Library temporarily on January 10, 1951, notice having been published in the local papers to that effect. Now, up to that time, the Citizens Library, like many another institution, had been taken for granted and half forgotten by many of the residents. When it was learned that the library might close, there was much concern, petitions being circulated by many non-members asking that its status be maintained. At the Acton Town Meeting in March, 1951, the sum of \$175 was appropriated to enable the Citizens Library to carry on as a branch of the Memorial Library as before.

Mrs. Edith A. Hopkinson was secured as librarian and the library continued without difficulty for another decade. Mrs. Hopkinson was succeeded by Mrs. Ira Milbery in 1954. Both these ladies were faithful and efficient in their work.

Someone has remarked that "it is always the unexpected" and that was true in this case when the trustees suddenly received notice that the Memorial Library trustees had decided to close the Citizens Library on January 1, 1962, giving as the reason, "the excessive cost of the distribution of books". Since the library could not operate without the additional funds, there was much concern and many discussions as to the next move to take. Mrs. Milbery had resigned as librarian by this time, it was finally decided to offer the building as a gift to the Town of Acton, including books and all the equipment, provided the Town would accept

it and operate according to rules set forth in the offer. It was also voted to put the building through thorough repairs at the Association's expense, before turning it over to the Town.

At the March Town Meeting in 1962, the voters accepted the library under the conditions as presented. Under Mrs. James Kinsley's supervision the building was repaired, painted outside, and a bathroom added; other repairs were made in the apartment and in the library section. Atty. Julian D'Agostine rendered valuable service in handling the transfer of the property to the town.

Mrs. Thelma Harms was appointed librarian in July, 1962 and has done and is continuing to do an outstanding job in developing the library into a thriving institution in which the community can take due pride.

We cannot forget the great and much appreciated assistance tended by the Friends of the Acton Libraries. We must also extend our thanks to Mrs. Peter Jorrens, who acts as liaison between the "Friends" and the Citizens Library. She personally has done much to benefit the library.

The library is open on Monday evening from 7-9 p. m., Tuesdays from 3-6 p. m. and Thursdays from 3-5 p. m.

This then is the story of a Village library and its struggle for the past 84 years. May it continue to serve the public and remain a blessing to the community for many years to come.

At Nassau and Will Streets in New York City, George Washington took the oath as first President of the United States.

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