Formed in the spring of 1970, George Hahn, a middle-school teacher, and Edwin T. Warner, the town Tree Warden, envisioned a place where a variety of trees are grown for the enjoyment of all. At an annual Arbor Day event, a new tree is planted in honor of a person or group in South Hadley. The 6-acre Arboretum is located mostly in back of the Michael E. Smith Middle School, bordered by the school parking lot and playing fields to the west and Stony Brook to the east and north.