## **Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting**

March 20, 2024 in the Steele Room at 4:30 p.m.

Present: President Cheryl Casey, Joe Camaratta, Jill Chase, Jan Gendreau, Anne Imhoff, Skip Flanders, Bill

Woodruff, Mike Maloney, Margo Sayah, and Grace Sweet

Copies to: Laura Parette, Karen Petrovic, Sandy Hough, Josette Metayer, Betty Jones, and Betsy Shapiro

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of Feb. 21	Jill moved to accept the minutes and Anne seconded.	Approved
Author Talk	Vermont for the Vermonters: The History of Eugenics in the Green Mountain State by Mercedes Guardiola. This Program was presented in conjunction with Bridgeside Books and the Waterbury Library: Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 in the Steele Room. Mariessa Dobrick, Reference Archivist at the Vt. State Archives spoke as did Rep. Tom Stevens from Waterbury.  About 40 folks attended – many of them "new" to us. The Legislature has made an apology: a public acknowledgement that the Eugenics policies were wrong.	Grace asked what future generations will say about our generation's lack of viable policies for the poor and homeless
Upcoming events: ECLIPSE Open House Sunday, April 7 10:00 – 2:00	WHS will open the History Center and the Steele Room to visitors on Sunday from 10 – 2. Need to put the sandwich board out.  Bill will come at 9:30 to open up. Cheryl will be present all day.  Jan will be in the Steele Room with George Woodard's photos –  Jan will ask George if he would like to be present.  Jill will be in the History Center from 10 to noon – need another person. Joe and Grace will be in the History Center from noon to two.	Cheryl will ask for volunteers for April 7 on Social Media
Program: Skip	Waterbury Parades power-point by Skip in the Steele Room	Skip
May 4 at 1 p.m.	(May is Green-up Day and Kenley Dean Squire's celebration of life at Thunder Road, however this program has already been advertised.)	
Ghost Walk Monday, May 27 Jan	Maple Street Cemetery in Waterbury Center. Honoring Waterbury people who are not buried in one of the town cemeteries.  Keith and Gladys Wallace – Rosina Wallace  Aurelia (Ollie) AuClair – Skip Flanders  Dascomb (Dac) Rowe – Charlie Grenier  MIA's – Brian Lindner	<b>Jan</b> will recruit group leaders
Outreach Education Committee - Margo	We plan to install a plexiglass box in the <b>Brookside Elementary School</b> Library to hold an <b>artifact from our collection</b> . Kids will have a chance to guess what the item might be and write their guess on a piece of paper and place it in a separate box. The committee will review the guesses and share the answer and info with the students. The artifact will change monthly. (The librarian is excited to host this project.) Thanks to Jan for passing on this suggestion. <b>Senior Center</b> : Justin Blackmun, Chair of the Board of Directors is open to the OEC sharing artifacts at lunch on a Friday once a month. The	OEC members  OEC members

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	History flyers for Meals on Wheels recipients: Laura Parette has	
	volunteered to generate a one-page flyer using articles from the	
_	Newsletter. These would go out once a month to about 70 folks.	
Mike Maloney:	See attached report. The textile assessment is on hold.	Maybe Lisa
<b>History Center and</b>	We advised Mike to ask the child who is interested in Dr. Janes to	Scagliotti as she is
Collections	make a list of questions and we will find someone who can answer	knowledgeable re:
	them.	Dr. Janes
Exhibits in the	3 exhibits a year. The exhibit vetting committee members are Bill	
Steele Room	Woodruff, Laura Parette, and Katarina Lisaius.	
I	There is interest from a watercolor group to hang an exhibit for the summer segment.	
	WHS plans to exhibit info re: the State Parks 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and	Cheryl, Anne
	the C.C. Trail in the fall. The organizers are Anne Imhoff, Cheryl Casey	
	and Brian Lindner. There will be pics, a narrative and a timeline.	CHERYL
	Cheryl will apply for a grant from Revitalizing Waterbury for	
	mounting, printing etc.	
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Finances: Joe	See attached report. Several donations were received following the	
	notice in the newsletter – three from the overdue list. 25% of all	
	donations came from new members.	
Newsletter: Laura	The next edition will be sent out on June 9. Articles are due by May 8.	
 	Paul Willard has compiled an index of newsletter articles starting in	
	2001. (Duxbury's newsletters are searchable online.)	
Strategic Planning –	Thirteen attended: Cheryl Casey, Skip Flanders, Joe Camaratta, Bill	
Sat. Jan. 13, 2024	April, Anne Imhoff, Jan Gendreau, Jill Chase, Betsy Shapiro, Margaret	
	Moreland, Marieta Warnstedt, Betty Jones, Mike Maloney and Grace	
	Sweet	
	Cheryl has compiled a rough draft of the results of the session. She handed it	Cheryl and Board
	to Board members. Cheryl has asked the Board to read the notes closely	
	and to condense the report to make it into a reasonable action plan for the	
	next five years. Strategic priorities need to be coupled with an action for	
	May. It was suggested that the Board rewrite the Mission statement and add	
	a vision statement.	• • • • •
Lifetime	The League of Local Historical Societies and Museums annually presents	Cheryl sent the
Achievement	as award to deserving folks. It was decided to honor Paul and Jane	application in Nov.
Award	Willard.	
Old Business	The Rotary materials do not belong in our collection. Cheryl will write a	Cheryl
	letter to the Rotary.	
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New Business	Mike Maloney, Collections Manager, will be leaving by the end of May. Cheryl will sit with Mike to shape a job description.	Cheryl and Mike
	Should we divide Mike's salary so that we could have a ten hour a week	
	Curator and a ten hour a week Collections Manager? The Curator prepares	
	exhibitions that are the face of our collection.	
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	Mike has written up guidelines for entering items into and streamlining Past Perfect and for doing data management. He has also instituted a good system for sorting and sifting items, however, the work is far from finished. Mike has answered in-depth questions from the public.	
Website update?	Cheryl is managing the WHS website. She feels the site could be more easily usable (friendly) if WHS hired a web designer to rework the "architecture", that is reworking links etc. She received a quote from Edgeworks for \$7800. The consensus of the Board is that it is more important to find a Curator and a Collections Manager and that the website is O.K. as is.	
Next meeting	April 17 at 4:30 in the Steele Room	
Meeting Adjourned	at 6:30	
Secretary's Minutes	Notes respectfully submitted by Grace Sweet	