

Waterbury Historical Society

Board of Director's meeting – November 14, 2017

6 PM – SAL Room - Public Library

Present – Barbara Farr, presiding, Jane Willard, Paul Willard, Jan Gendreau, Jim Walton, Jack Carter, Steve VanEsen

Betty Jones, Jill Chase

Minutes of 10/10/17 were approved

Treasurer's Report – Paul reported that 17 responses have been received from the annual appeal solicitation with a total of \$760. received. Chris Palermo was thanked for all he did to get the annual appeal letter written, printed and mailed. Only expense to WHS was cost of the stamps.

Curator's Report – Jack noted that 12 people attended the November 4th open house. Grace Sweet, Paul Willard, Skip Flanders, Anne Imhoff and Jack were the docents for the day.

Jack and Cheryl Casey worked on the RW (Revitalizing Waterbury) railroad station refresh and submitted it on November 1st. Jack showed preliminary drawings of the design drawn by Sarah Lee Terrat. Selection notice will be announced later.

The Abel Hutchins clock face was again discussed. Jan would like to pursue restoring the dial (face). With little discussion it was motioned and passed to have the work done. Jan will contact restorer to start the process. Some money has been collected toward the project. \$250.00 has been spent on the repairing the hood. The balance will come from general operations.

VHS Lyndon State College event – Jane, Paul, Jan, Jill and Jack attended the annual meeting on October 28th. Everyone enjoyed their workshops and reported on what they learned. All thought it was a very worthwhile experience.

Archivist Activities – Tracy was unable to attend the meeting. Paul has been in contact with Kay Schlueter in regards to Past Perfect training. No further information at this time. Jack showed Tracy our two storage units in order see what we have there. Jack thinks there are items in storage that should be considered for deaccession.

Program Committee Report – Betty reported that there were 110 attendees at the October meeting and program with Joe Citro. Donations totaled \$100. It was mentioned that it was too bad that there was little time at the end of the program for more stories from the audience, question and answers.

January program will be all about maple. Cheryl is in charge of that program. Ideas were mentioned about April meeting – reviving our meal of remembrance/ 60th anniversary of WHS and July meeting – WDEV with the Radio Rangers.

Betty mentioned that Waterbury Center Community Church is holding a Church History Day on November 18th with displays, memorial stone dedication and talk.

Outreach Education Committee Report – Jane reported the trivia contest is not continuing because of lack of interest. They still would like to interview Vietnam veterans if Harwood students want to participate. Connecting with the schools has been frustrating.

Newsletter Editor – Cheryl could not attend but did send a report that everything is under control with the newsletter. November 15th is the articles deadline for the next issue.

CCC Camp Chimneys – Barb is researching grants. Spring is the best time find grants for such a project. Most are 20/80 or 50/50 match. Anne Imhoff will get three quotes for repair work on the chimneys.

Other Business – It was agreed that WHS information (meeting notice, agenda, minutes) should be on the Town website

Jan has slate “blackboard” pieces retrieved from TBPS/WHS in her garage and would like ideas about what to do with them as a fund raiser.

We also have the pieces of the Mount Mansfield Electric Railroad rails that Brian Lindner donated. What to do with them ? Jan will follow up about somehow marking the pieces with information about them.

Duxbury Historical Society is looking into obtaining the South Duxbury Church and school building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next meeting – December 12th at 6 PM - (location TBD).

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Carter