

Waterbury Historical Society

Board of Directors' meeting – December 21, 2017

Steele Community Room – 6 PM

Present: Barb Farr, Steve VanEsen, Jan Gendreau, Jane Willard, Paul Willard, Jack Carter

Tracy Haerther, Betty Jones, Herschell Murry, Cheryl Casey

- **Minutes of November 5th** meeting were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Paul reported that the total of all accounts is \$116,146.13. The annual appeal letter has produced \$4,595 with 61 individual responses. Donors are ½ members and ½ directly from the annual appeal mailing. Paul has sent thank you letters to all responders. There have been 12 new members this year. He has deleted 6.
- **Curator's Report:** Jack reported on the status of the railroad station with RW that the contract has been signed and more planning will happen after the new year. The Larkins have not returned deed of gift form. Jack will follow up with them. Jack has inquired at the TD Bank about the future of the paintings that hung in the lobby. They were sent to Toronto. Jack will follow up with manager (who is at the Stowe office). There were also early records that were in the vault. Jack would like to have an artist commissioned to paint a portrait of Ezra Butler. He passed around a pamphlet of Lloyd Squier's Christmas poems. Perhaps next year something can be done with them. Jan reported that the dial of the Pride/Hutchins clock has been sent to the restorer. Chuck Kletecka and Niki Fisher helped with removing the dial from the clock. She has asked the artist to document the process. Nothing has been done with marking the MMER rail sections since they cannot be found yet.
- **Archivist's Report:** Tracy is working away on assessing and familiarizing herself with the collection. She is in the process of assessing Crawford Boyce's tools he used at Cooley-Wright. She is waiting for boxes that are on order. She asked Jack if he needed any supplies before the end of the year budget. Paul said there is still money in the line item that should be spent or lost. Jack said he didn't need any supplies. Tracy has Deed of Gift form on pdf form to share. The Dean collection of glass slides should be assessed. Jack will bring them to the museum from the storage units. Tracy will research the whereabouts of past Secretary minutes including the original.
- **Program Committee:** Betty said the Steele Room is reserved for the January 24th meeting. Maple is the topic of the program. Cheryl will send info to Paul who will put in on the website. April program has not been decided. There was discussion about reviving the meal of remembrance – 2017 was the 60th anniversary of WHS. There is also the VHS trivia program. The trivia program information has not been received.

- **Outreach/Education Committee Report:** Things has been on hold since there has been no response from the schools. Perhaps the Vermont trivia program may be something the committee can pursue unless the program committee wants to use it.
- **Newsletter.** Cheryl is still working on the next issue and will be out by the end of the year.
- **Other Business.** Herschell presented a mockup for a promotional piece for the restoration of the three chimneys at the CCC camp at Little River. There were some suggestions. Herschell appreciated the Boards interest and will continue to work on the project. Barb has been working with Anne Imhoff on getting an estimate for the project as this would be necessary for fund raising and grant writing. **Other business:** we were not successful in winning the grant that would help document artifacts during the Main Street reconstruction.
- **Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 9th – 4 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Carter