

Waterbury Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting

April 18, 2018 – 4 PM

Steele Community Room – 4 PM

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

Betty Jones, Cheryl Casey, Tracy Haether

- Secretary's minutes 3/20/18 were approved
- **Treasurer's Report.** Paul stated that total amount in all accounts is \$125,826.05. There has been \$1,075 received in memory of Lois Sabin. The 2018 budget is ready to be presented at the annual meeting. Treasurer's report was approved.
- **Curator's Report.** 1.) Jack reported that the station refresh is almost complete and is happy with the progress. The remaining 6 panels of the Arvads mural are now in the Steele Room and Jack hopes to find a place to hang them, perhaps in the Municipal Center. There are plans in the works for a celebration on May 12 for the completion of the refresh of both the community room and GMCR café. RW is handling the event. 2.) Bob Paolini has loaned artwork created by Michael Valente that was Michael's contribution to the 2012 Floodgate Project. It is on display in the Town Clerk's office. 3.) Jack has quotes for conserving the 1858 Wallings wall map and to frame it. Conservation amount (updated since the meeting) \$210. and framing \$435.00, plus the frame \$711.99. It was approved to have the map framed. 4.) It was decided to open the museum on the last Saturday of the June (30), July (28), August (25) and September (29).
- **Archivist Report.** 1.) Tracy reported that Bob Butler suggested that we get two newer computers. He will donate one if we purchase one. Our two computers are old and becoming obsolete. Paul and Tracy will get pricing for a new computer and will report back at the next board meeting. 2.) There has been four volunteers who participated in PastPerfect webinar. Tracy suggested others to look at PP website and see what other historical societies have done. 3.) Tracy had a visit from Mr. Wheeler who was very interested in our Wheeler collection. 4.) It was mentioned that the Fire Department has photos of the Wallace Farm fire on their website. Photos taken by Brian Lindner.
- **Program Committee.** Betty reported that reservations for the dinner are slow. Barb and Jack have been working on a power point reflecting the past 60 years. David Luce will MC. There will be a display of WHS past accomplishments. The committee is working on July and October programs. Lindy Boudreau and Nancy Murphy are leaving the committee.
- **Ghost Walk.** The subcommittee has met and divided up responsibilities. The theme will be the 1918 Influenza Epidemic. Jim, Skip Flanders, Brian Lindner and Rosina Wallace will be presenters. Memorial Day, May 28th – 11 AM – Hope Cemetery.
- **Newsletter** - Cheryl reported of two new e-newsletter signups. She hopes for and encouraged more. June 1 is the deadline for the next newsletter. She plans to highlight: Ghost Walk, Train Station, Wallace Farm and promote Saturday open museum dates.

- **Education/Outreach Committee.** Jane passed around thank you notes/artwork from the TBPS third graders who visited the History Center on April 6. Jane, Skip, Jack and Tracy took part in the tour. Each student was given a copy of **Waterbury Bridges the Twentieth Century** book which they were excited to receive. The books will also be given free at the Station refresh celebration and the annual meeting since we have a large inventory in storage. Jane also reported that the Vermont Historical Society trivia is not ready for distribution.
- **Other Business.** Jane has 12 years of notes, etc. taken over the course of years on the Board. She will give them to Tracy. This was Jane's last meeting as a Board member. We thanked her for her devotion to WHS and will continue on Education/Outreach. She has plans to write a history of the past 30 years of Waterbury.
- Meeting adjourned at 6 PM – **Next Meeting – May 15th – 4PM**

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Carter, Secretary