

## Waterbury Historical Society

Board of Directors meeting

November 30, 2018 3 PM

Library SAL Meeting Room

Present: Barb Farr, presiding, Jim Walton, Jan Gendreau, Jack Carter, Paul Willard, Steve VanEsen, Betty Jones, Tracy Haerter, Skip Flanders

- **Minutes of 10/19/18** meeting approved
- **Treasurer's Report** – Paul stated that we have a total value of all accounts of \$132,455.41. The annual appeal has brought in \$4,470 less expenses of \$167.99 for net \$4,309.03. There has been \$555.00 raised in new memberships and we now have 197 members. It was agreed that it was a good idea to include membership forms (new and renew) with the annual appeal letter.
- **Curator's Report** - Jack said that he, Jan and Paul had attended the placement of the new statue of Agriculture (aka Ceres) event at the State House earlier in the day. He thanked those who took part in the October open house although only two visitors came. He pointed out the new historic exhibit graphic for Old Center Cemetery was finished but too late (weather) for installation. It will be on display in the Steele Community Room until Spring. Brian Lindner is pursuing a State historic roadside marker for the Mount Mansfield Electric Railroad (MMER). If it is approved it will be the third such sign for Waterbury.
- **Archivist's Activities** – Tracy has returned after taking care of her son who had an accident. She has been catching up with documenting new donations. She would like to work with Jack to take some things that are taking up room from the closet to the storage units. The Snowflake Bentley glass slides and PastPerfect back up are now stored in the Town vault. It was suggested a one page instruction for volunteers about entering items into PastPerfect.
- **Skip Flanders** attended the meeting to explain the new addition to the Waterbury Historic District. There have been some comments about the expansion in that the new district does not include Butler, Wallace and North Main Street area. He suggested if WHS would like to include that area to petition the Selectboard to proceed with the designation. It was motioned and passed to ask the Selectboard to include funds in the 2019 budget to expand the district to include the north end area. Skip also said that the Waterbury Record newspaper (1922-1945) is now on PDF through newspapers.com. It is very helpful for research. He also mentioned that the demolition of 51 South Main Street will soon be under contract. The story of the building will be documented and taken down board by board. Jack will contact Bill Woodruff to go through the building to see if there is any artifact(s) that might be appropriate for WHS collection.
- **Program Committee** - Betty spoke about the two VHS awards that honored her and Bob and also WHS and RW. It took place in Woodstock on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The October meeting was attended by 45, however, there was a conflict of scheduling with the Library. Camille Mason's postcards sold well. The January 23 meeting will be held at 6 PM in the Steele Community Room and will be about the vintage caboose located on Henry Hough Road. The April 24<sup>th</sup>

meeting will be about train wrecks and presented by Brian Lindner. Anne Imhoff would like to publish a book about town cemeteries.

- **Newsletter** – Cheryl was not present but sent word that the Winter newsletter will be ready before Christmas and the deadline for articles is December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Updates** – Jan reported that she had researched labels for the MMER rails and it was agreed to proceed with a price of \$7.50 each with a company in Morrisville.

The greeting card of the Railroad bridge art was tabled until next meeting.

Barb had copies of the reprint of the 1907 Vacation Hints that WHS has printed. The wholesale cost is \$2.54 and it was agreed to sell them for \$7.50 and additional \$2.50 for mailing. Barb will contact Bridgeside Books and possibly Stowe Street Emporium to sell them. Paul will put them on WHS website and they will be available at the History Center for sale.

The Trivia event will take place Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 2 to 4:30 in the Steele Community Room.

- There will not be a meeting in December. **Next Board meeting will be Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:AM**
- Meeting adjourned at 4:30

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Carter