

## Waterbury Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting – January 18, 2019

SAL Room – Public Library – 11AM

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

Tracy Haerther, Betty Jones, Herschell Murry

- Minutes of 11/30/18 were not approved. Jan will correct language.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Paul presented financial statement with a total balance of all accounts of \$128,564.73. Income from the annual appeal was \$6,300. We now have 200 members and 26 have elected to receive the newsletter electronically. We are responsible to pay the Town \$8,861.21 for archivists and cataloguer salaries, taxes and FICA. Last year Karen Steele contributed \$10,000 toward this expense but we cannot count on that this year. Paul also handed out draft budget proposal for 2019 to be presented at the April annual meeting. The proposal was discussed and tabled with members to review it for the February board meeting. Paul is concerned about the future in regards to the treasurer's position and would like to train someone in transition. An assistant treasurer position was discussed. LeAnn Viens had expressed interest but does not want to attend meetings. This is an important topic and serious thought must be taken. "Vacation Hints" booklet is being sold at Bridgeside Books and the Stowe Street Emporium.
- **Curator's Report** – Jack said the Historic Tour is being update and that Laura Parette will again do the graphics. He thought an app of the tour might encourage people to take the tour. Barb will ask someone about how to go about an app. Ben & Jerry's offers a monthly community grant of up to \$2,000. Jack asked for suggestions as to how we might apply. He will send Barb the information.
- **Archivist Activities** – Tracy received a personal collection of WWII articles belonging to Carl Welch. She suggests changing some of the accession numbers that were all given #1957. It makes it difficult to find items with such a large inventory number. She has other concerns. Paul suggested she put her requests in writing to be consistent for volunteers to make changes. Money for archivist position has run out and needs to be discussed. Decision was to provide funds to keep Tracy on for another 2 months but longer term goals and staffing need to be discussed at the next meeting. Barb is looking for early photos of Main Street to include in the Town Report.
- **Education/Outreach** – There will be a Trivia event on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4:30 in the Steele Room. This is co-sponsored with the Vermont Historical Society. There will be six tables of six people vying for prizes and answering questions about Vermont history and local history.
- **Newsletter** – Cheryl was not present but the winter newsletter has been completed and distributed.
- **Additional Board Members** – no discussion at the meeting
- **Updates:**  
MMER rails – Jan has been working on the project and hopes to have some ready for the January program meeting.  
Farrar Historic District – a plan to expand the downtown historic district is being presented to the selectboard but will probably not happen this year but will try again next year.

- **Other Business** – Herschell suggested that we have a brochure or some kind of handout at the Train Station whenever we have our open house. He is always promoting us when he is a community ambassador at the station.  
Betty reported that the January program will be about the Caboose located on Perry Hill by the owner, Chuck Magnus. She has concerns about the \$75.00 fee charged for use of Hope Davey pavilion for the July program which will be about square dancing.  
Jack is leading the nominating committee in preparation for new nominations at the April Annual Meeting.
- **Next Board meeting is February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM**

Meeting adjourned at 1 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Carter