

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

August 16, 2019

Present: Barb Farr, Jan Gendreau, Jim Walton, Steve Van Esen, Cheryl Casey, Anne Imhoff, Betty Jones, Jack Carter and Grace Sweet Copy to Paul Willard

Minutes from the June 21st meeting were corrected – Jane Willard is the chair of the Outreach Committee, not a member of the Waterbury Historical Society Board. With the correction the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – no report as Treasurer Paul Willard was absent. The bill of approx. \$3700 for Tracy Haether's work from Jan. through June has been paid. LeeAnne Viens has accepted the position of office manager for WHS for five hours per week. She will start at the end of August. Her duties will include getting donations into the system, learning to upload into Past Perfect, writing thank you letters to donors and organizing items. Additionally, she will volunteer with Paul in re: to the Treasurer's duties.

Sandy Hough is entering, as a volunteer, memorabilia from the Rotary club including membership rolls, photos, events, history and artifacts. Sandy Hough works ten hours a week for WHS as a cataloguer and data enterer.

Curator's Report: Jack Carter - **Open Houses** on the last Saturdays of Aug., Sept. and Oct. On August 31 Margo Sayah and Barb Farr will be on hand to greet visitors from 10 to noon and Anne Imhoff and Cheryl Casey will be present from noon to 2:00. Jack will advertise in the Waterbury Record the events as **Museum Tours** meaning that people will be on hand to interact with visitors.

On September 28 the **Vermont Historical Society** will meet in the Steele room at noon to brainstorm ideas for solutions to the challenges facing local historical societies. Jack will contact them to invite folks to come before noon to visit our collection in the Janes' building. Jack plans to enlarge twelve of Wilson Bentley's snowflake images from the glass plates that are in WHS's collection and frame them for display on September 28.

The third Museum Tour day will be October 26.

In our collection are also slides of the Green Mountain Club and some of Calvin Coolidge. Jill Chase's sister, Carol Chase Hardy, wants to donate a curio cabinet to WHS. Isaac Elliott who helped to build the Janes' house made the dresser that is on display in the museum. A new acquisition is an 1882 History of Washington County.

Program Committee: Betty Jones – The **Yankee Brass Band** performed on July 17 at Thatcher Brook Primary School. They presented a superb program in spite of the rain and the heat. There were 40 audience members. \$63 was collected at the door and two \$100 donations were given to help defray the \$800 plus charge.

The **summer picnic meeting** was held at the Hope Davey Park on July 31. The Lamoille River Swingers, based in Morrisville, invited audience members to join them in several dances. Joanna Caswell, a member of the Swingers, gave an informative history of square and round dancing. There were 25 Swingers and 30 audience members. Mike Woodard set up a plywood floor for the dancing.

Perhaps **next summer's picnic meeting** can be held on the lawn at the Bryan home on Maple Street. Would a port-a-potty be needed?

The program committee is asked to find **volunteer drivers** for those who would like to attend meetings, but do not have transportation.

The October 23 meeting will be on **seven cemeteries**. It is being organized by Anne Imhoff. Included are Loomis Hill, Hope, Waterbury Center on Rt. 100, Waterbury Center on Maple Street, two on Ricker Mountain and DeMerritt.

January 22 will be announced.

The **William G. Pomeroy Foundation** is offering grants to mark historical places as is the Legends and Lore Grant program also through the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. Rick Darby, Brian Lindner and Barb Farr are applying for a historical Legend sign to be placed at the C.C. Warren house to commemorate the VT license plate #1 in 1910 and a historical marker sign near the Waterbury Center Rt. 100 cemetery for the Mt. Mansfield Electric Railroad.

Newsletter: Cheryl Casey – Cheryl is looking for pics of the Yankee Brass Band. Skip Flanders is working on info about the McIntosh house on Main St. and plans to have an article ready for the newsletter. Included will be an article on the sewer system and donation of items. In future newsletter will be an article on 51 S. Main (the former town offices). Cheryl asks that images be sent in files separate from print. Cheryl was given a rural postal route map, a sesquicentennial brochure and a few photos from the Waterbury Center post office. The date on the map is 1941 (google says that Rural Free Delivery began in 1898 (G.S.)). Cheryl will do more research concerning the map.

Other business: A wooden water pipe has been found during the excavation of main street, also a cow hock bone and a tooth. (The hundred-year old water and sewer pipes are being replaced under Main Street.) On September 25 WHS is cosponsoring with Revitalizing Waterbury a **video presentation of the Waterbury Special** on the RR. Bridge on North Main Street. Location is the Steele Community Room. Time TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 Next meeting: Sept. 20.

Minutes submitted by Grace Sweet