

Waterbury Historical Society

October 18, 2019

Present: Barb Farr, Paul Willard, Steve Van Esen, Jan Gendreau, Jim Walton, Betty Jones, Anne Imhoff and Grace Sweet

Guest: Karen Steele

Copies to Jack Carter and Cheryl Casey

Minutes from September 20: Paul moved and Jan 2nd – approved.

Treasurer: Paul Willard reports that WHS has a total of \$132,312.92 with \$18,194.30 in checking, \$86,763.12 invested in T. Rowe Price and \$27,355.50 in the capital campaign.

LeeAnne Viens who works a few hours on Wednesdays to organize the office and to write thank you notes etc. is paid by the town. WHS will reimburse the town at the end of the year.

Karen Steele asked if WHS has displays in places other than the Museum. A shadow box display is being planned to be installed in the library containing items that have been found in connection with the reconstruction of Main Street: a cow hock, a glass bottle and a wooden water pipe. How about the schools? Schools have been approached, but nothing has happened yet.

Draft Appeal Letter prepared by Barb Farr – the consensus is that the letter needs to be a one pager (the draft is a page and a half). Public outreach should be Outreach Education Committee. Barb will rewrite the letter to make it one page. The 360 letters should go out before Nov. 1. Several volunteered to fold and stuff on Wednesday, October 30 at 1 in the History Center. Paul will purchase stamps.

Curator: Jack Carter was absent. He suggests canceling the Open House scheduled for Saturday, October 26, because the street in front of the History Center is scheduled to be dug up making access difficult. Jack has received a scholarship to attend the New England Museum Conference in Burlington in early November.

Accession-Deaccession: Jan, Jack and Anne Imhoff have volunteered to make recommendations and to work with LeeAnne. Linda Kaiser came to help with questions that LeeAnne had about Linda's vision and the numbering system of items. The file cabinets start with 1957. The first picture from then would be 1957.1.1, the second picture – 1957.1.2. Artifacts, pictures, objects, etc. would be numbered by year received and then numbering sequence.

Program Committee: Betty Jones - The program organized by Anne Imhoff on seven cemeteries will be on Wed., Oct. 23 in the Steele room at 7:00. Rides are needed for two people who do not have transportation.

Newsletter: Cheryl Casey was absent. The deadline is Nov. 15. Karen Steele will write about Joseph Somerville who owned the land where the Wesley Church is located and Skip will update 51 Main (former Town Hall). Perhaps something can be written about Mill Village, the Stagecoach Inn and info from the Cemetery Program.

Ghost Walk: Jan Gendreau organizes the Memorial Day event. Has a theme been determined? Since 2020 will be the 100th year since women got the right to vote perhaps some women can be honored. Henrietta Fales? Margaret and Barbara Luce? Gladys Wrisley? Etc. Not all of these women are buried in the same cemetery.

Karen wondered if markers could be placed by houses on Randall Street giving a brief history of those homes.

Next board meeting: Nov. 15 at 11:00.

The Jan. 22 program will be on the Electric Railroad.

Minutes submitted by Grace Sweet.