

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

July 31, 2020

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

The **minutes** of May 29 were accepted with the correction that the October meeting is the 28th, not the 21st. Paul Willard made the motion, Jan Gendreau and Jack Carter seconded.

Treasurer: Paul Willard reports that we have \$29,436.39 in the checking account. The T. Rowe Price Mutual Fund has \$94,140.72 and \$31,179.95 in the Capital Campaign for a total of \$154,757.06. Membership is 200+. All work on the archives has been on hold since March. Leanne Viens is set to return in early August.

Program: Betty Jones - Discussion re: the October 28th meeting to be presented by Howard Coffin – 1) at Hope Davey Field at 6:00? 2) Issue tickets for live meeting in the Steele Room and live stream the event via Face Book or ZOOM for others. The consensus was for option 2.

Paul moved that we pass over the **Annual Meeting** until April 28. Jim seconded. Discussion followed: Should we change the Annual Meeting to October and include the election of officers at that time? Barb will send the by-laws to board members, will discuss at next board meeting. In the meantime, officers will continue as is.

Dr. Janes grave site – Jack and Jan have done extraordinary landscaping work around the grave site. The materials are paid for. It was suggested that they submit a picture to the Waterbury Roundabout of the site.

Waterbury Women's Exhibit – Jack remarked that the videos that Cheryl Casey has made of the exhibit are wonderful. Barb let the group know that the Vermont Historical Society makes an LLHSM (League of Local Historical Societies and Museums) award to a worthy project. Jan and Cheryl will submit a nomination for the Waterbury Women's Exhibit by August 14.

Newsletter: Cheryl Casey – She has a backlog of articles. The deadline is August 25.

Book Project: Jane Willard reports that the invitation to 184 businesses and 34 organizations sent earlier did not garner much response. Since then they have made individual contacts with much better results. The deadline is September 15. In mid-August they will send a reminder via Front Porch Forum.

Education Outreach: Our planned events at the Senior Center ended abruptly in March due to COVID19. Vicki Brooker is the temporary director replacing Jody Lavanway. Future events uncertain.

Ghost Walk: Jan Gendreau – the consensus is to postpone the event until Memorial Day, 2021.

Other: Betty Jones – **John Nutting** died in early summer. He was the chair of a group in Waterbury Center in the '70's which led to the beginnings of the Ambulance Service in Waterbury. Others involved were Al Houseman, Paul King, Hope Davey and Bob Jones.

Past-Perfect: Cheryl finds that the WHS watermark on documents is cumbersome. Paul says that the watermark can be dropped. Jack is not finding Past-Perfect very friendly.

Next meeting: Friday, August 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hope Davey Field in Waterbury Center.

Notes by: *Grace Sweet*