

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting - September 18, 2020

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

1. The **Women in Waterbury exhibit and video** prepared by Jack Carter, Cheryl Casey, Carolyn Fox and Laura Parette has received an **Award for Excellence from LLHSM** (League of Local Historical Societies and Museums). Steve Perkins and Eileen Corcoran, from the State Historical Society will come to Waterbury to make the special presentation on Friday, October 2 at 11 a.m.
2. The **minutes** of the August 21st meeting were moved by Paul Willard, 2nd by Jack Carter with two additions – approved. (Cheryl Casey emailed a revised set of minutes with the additions following this meeting.)
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Paul Willard reports that we have \$29,527.61 in the checking account, \$96,157.47 in the T. Rowe Price Mutual Fund and \$31,179.95 in the Capital Campaign for a total of \$154,757.06 in assets. A map file has been purchased for \$874.56.

There are 218 members. Alex Tolstoi is an historical preservationist – new to our community and a new member. The group feels that we should give Carolyn and Ron Fox a membership in recognition of her work on the Women in Waterbury display.

4. **Status of bylaws and voting material:** The ballot is in the newsletter which has been mailed. October 15 is the last day to vote. Some votes will come via email, some by USPS. The nominating committee – Jack, Paul and Jan will count the votes – results will be announced at the meeting on Oct. 28.
5. **Curator's Report:** Jack Carter mentioned the map file cabinet.

Anne Imhoff suggested that we not accept any more items until COVID-19 is over. Difficult to implement as people continue to send or bring items. An item needs to be assessed (accepted) before a thank you note is written. Folks must fill out a form when giving items. Jack will work with LeAnn Viens on a protocol for receiving items and deassessing items.

Anne has been working with Michael Thurston of Exile on Main Street in Barre to transfer info from cassette tapes to CDs – three have been completed for a cost of \$225. One of them is an interview of Gleason Ayers. Paul will burn another copy and one will be given to Gleason's daughter, Betsy Shapiro. Jack made a motion to pay the \$225, Paul 2nd. Approved.

Anne has 5 reel to reel tapes. Three are of the 1927 flood, one is of the Waterbury High School class of 1966, the last graduating class from Waterbury H.S. and the fifth one? Anne will ask Mike to make a professional evaluation re: clarity and value of information.

6. **Book Committee:** Jane Willard – the book is coming along. The publisher's deadline is July 2021. Jan, Jack and Anne are fact finders. Their next meeting will be on Sunday, October 18 at 3:30.
7. **Program:** Betty Jones taped programs in the 70's. She wonders where the tapes are and if they should be transferred to CDs.

Howard Coffin is willing to do his presentation at the October 28th meeting through the Vermont Humanities. It was decided to make 25 tickets available for in-person attendance in the Steele Room. Cheryl will set up live streaming for the event. The group agreed to pay the \$75 fee to the Humanities for the posters etc.

8. **Newsletter:** Cheryl Casey – the newsletter is in the mail. Cheryl has received her first unsolicited item for the newsletter from Bob Ayers. Cheryl is asking that members of the board email her one to three images of Waterbury history with a short label for a Facebook content calendar.
9. **Annual Appeal:** Barb and Paul will send a letter to members for the purpose of renewing memberships. Cheryl suggests that new members get a first year discount if they choose to get the newsletter electronically: \$5.00 for a single, \$10.00 for a family.
10. **Next board meeting:** October 23.