

## Waterbury Historical Society Board Mini-Meeting

October 2, 2020

Present: Barb Farr, Jim Walton, Paul and Jane Willard, Cheryl Casey, Jack Carter, Anne Imhoff, Jan Gendreau, Steve van Esen, Betty Jones and Grace Sweet plus guests: Stephen Perkins and Eileen Corcoran

**Steve Perkins, head of the Vermont Historical Society**, presented an **Award of Excellence** from the League of Local Historical Societies and Museums to Jack Carter and Cheryl Casey for the exhibit and video of **“Waterbury Women – Stories and Inspiration”**. The exhibit showcases twenty women of Waterbury with a nod to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. Their stories are part of a scrapbook that was put together several years ago as a library project. They are displayed in the Steele Room and in a podcast. Eileen Corcoran videoed the event.

- 1) **Voting** for new officers and on the budget. The slate of officers and the budget were published in the recent newsletter: Paul has received 12 responses by mail, Cheryl has received 23 by email.
- 2) **Budget:** Paul Willard The proposed budget shows a deficit for 2021. Paul suggests that we proceed with an annual appeal (we had thought to not do one this year). We agreed to use about \$2000 from dividends from our investments. Past-Perfect costs \$774 annually. We pay some of the cost of the Office Manager (the town contributes \$9,000 toward that cost) and there will be expenses in regard to the new book (Paul will keep a separate accounting of expenses for the book.) A balanced budget for 2021 will be included in the next newsletter. Barb and Paul will write an annual appeal letter which will promote the award which was presented today. They will suggest that people might consider giving memorial gifts to the Society. Newsletters sent electronically save money. Members will help stuff the envelopes – the target date is Nov. 1. The board will finalize the appeals letter at the October 23 meeting.

Cheryl will combine the 6 videos on the Waterbury Women into one and maybe make a CD for sale.

- 3) **Program:** Betty Jones reports that Howard Coffin is willing to present his program on October 28. He will charge \$15.00 for mileage plus \$100. We have paid \$75 to Humanities for the publicity and they will pay Howard \$250. After discussion it was decided to postpone the program until 2021, mostly because we could only have an audience of 20 – 25 in the Steele Room, so, no meeting at all on October 28.
- 4) **Skull in Collection?** It is listed on Past-Perfect. John Woodruff says that there is a box of bones in the vault at the Hope Cemetery that came to the Historical Society through Dr. Janes collection. Maybe they were used as a teaching tool. Barb will contact UVM to see if they might be interested in the bones.
- 5) **Next meeting:** Friday October 23. The last meeting of this year will be Friday, Nov. 20

Cheryl is asking board members to send her an image to do with Waterbury with context to be posted on social media – Facebook.

Deassession: Jan and Jack have put aside some extra Waterbury High School yearbooks – it was suggested that Jack ask \$5.00 for each – a buyer is interested. Jack and Anne continue to work with Michael Thurston in re: to the reel to reel tapes. The one on the talc mine is not of Waterbury and is not worth transcribing.

Notes by Grace Sweet