

## Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting October 23, 2020

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

**The minutes of the October 2** meeting were accepted with corrections. The Women in Waterbury scrapbook was part of a state wide project recognizing exemplary women. Barb was to contact UVM re: the bones – they need to be assessed to determine if they are historical - Dr. Janes teaching tools or Native American artifacts. The Waterbury High School yearbooks are to sell for \$5.00 each. The interested person may take whatever number he wishes. Paul made the motion to accept with corrections, Jack seconded.

**Nominating Committee** – Jan, Jack and Jane. 46 votes were received. One voted no on the budget because it was not balanced. The Annual meeting will now be in October rather than April. The new officers will take their places on January 1. President: Cheryl Casey, V.P.: Jim Walton, Secretary: Grace Sweet, Treasurer: Paul Willard and Directors: Bill Woodruff and Jack Carter. Paul moved to accept the votes as tallied and Jan seconded. Jane has drafted some guidelines for the nominations committee which she will share and pass on to the president, Barb. They suggest two-year terms on committees.

**Budget for 2021** is balanced for \$21,134. This is a correction to accommodate the previously unbalanced budget everyone just voted for. Jack moved to accept. Grace seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul Willard \$29,140 in the checking account, \$97,185 in T. Rowe Price (started in 2005), and \$30,321 in the Capital Campaign for a total of \$156,638.11.

**Book Committee:** Jane, Steve, Cindy Parks and Laura Parette - In January 2020 WHS entered into a contract with History Press for up to and not more than \$10,000. The Society will receive 400 books for a cost of \$4,398, so there is more than \$5000 available allocated for the book. Paul made a motion to revise the January motion to include other expenses incurred by the committee as they have already spent over \$1000 for a mailing in April. The books will be sold by History Press for \$22 through Barnes and Noble, Costco etc. The Society will pay \$11.00 for each book. The Society will receive a royalty of 8% on off-site sales.

**Annual Appeal:** Paul created a brochure which the group edited. Barb has written an appeal letter. The group will gather in the Steele Room at 9:00, Friday, Oct. 30 to stuff the 225 envelopes. A membership has been given to Carolyn and Ron Fox in appreciation of her help with the Waterbury Women project. Paul sends written thank you notes to donors. All information re: the Society is on communitymgr.whs

**Curator:** Jack – The deaccessioning committee (Jan, Jack and Anne) meets on Tuesdays from 9 to noon. They are deaccessioning duplicates and/or items that do not pertain to Waterbury, VT or are not of particular significance. They plan to have a lawn sale in the summer. The Society has six wooden boxes of glass slides of Mt. Mansfield plus some Wilson Bentley (Snowflake Bentley) slides in the Town Office vault. Jan made the motion that we put on our website that the WHS is not accepting donations during the pandemic, however, if you have something of significance to Waterbury, VT contact Jack by email or phone. Paul seconded. Approved.

**Book Committee:** Jane – There have been 32 submissions. Jan, Jack, Anne and Carolyn are fact checking and pre-editing. Submissions that will not be in the book will be put on Past Perfect. Each entry was asked for 2000 words which, as it turns out, with photos is a lot – the ideal probably would have been a thousand. The deadline for the book is August 2021. There will be a book launch sometime in 2021.

**Program Committee:** Betty – Howard Coffin’s Program through the Humanities was canceled. He suggested doing it outdoors next summer perhaps. Presently January - no, April - maybe, July – picnic at the Bryan’s, maybe and October – maybe.

**Cheryl** – Looking for broader support for WHS through a variety of ways to communicate including posting pictures and events on the Facebook Calendar.

**Barb** – Her “retirement” plan from being president of WHS is to work on Dr. Janes bed cards which describe patient’s conditions and enter them on Past Perfect for uploading to Ancestry.

**Next Meeting** – Friday, Nov. 20 at 11. Barb’s last meeting as Pres. No Dec. meeting.

Notes submitted by: Grace Sweet