

## Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

February 17, 2021

**Present:** President – Cheryl Casey, Jim Walton, Jane and Paul Willard, Jan Gendreau, Jack Carter, Bill Woodruff, Skip Flanders, Anne Imhoff and Grace Sweet Copy to Betty Jones  
Guests: Connor Greene and Benjamin Nicholas – Seniors at Champlain College

**Minutes of January 20:** Moved by Paul Willard, seconded by Jan Gendreau – Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul Willard – Checking - \$ 42, 617.46, T. Rowe Price - \$107,005.70, Capital Campaign - \$30,769.38 for a total of \$180,392.54. \$3000+ was withdrawn to reimburse the town for LeAnn Viens wages. **Membership** – 225

Folks we are thinking of: Ken Squier, Steve van Esen and John Sherman

**New Book:** Jane Willard – making good progress. Editorial team – Jack Carter and Anne Imhoff – fact checking on 80 submissions. The chapter editors are Jan Gendreau and Brian Lindner. Carolyn Fox is the proofreader. There are some gaps – missing pieces – but there is time to rectify. Elenea Billodeau has been hired as the production assistant. She was a summer intern with WHS a number of years ago. She is teaching at the Community College of VT. She lives on Park Row. She will begin with file management on February 22. Laura Parette will start her off. Jack Carter will make a time line. A map (or more) is needed. Fifty photos, 72,000 words which will be more than 128 pages. Jane will be the liaison. Skip Flanders will fact check the piece re: local government.

**Outreach:** Jane Willard – Preparing and sending historical trivia and/or facts to 72 Seniors twice monthly with Meals on Wheels. Skip prepared info on Rock Bridge – origin of the name for the school and cabins on Rt. 2 toward Montpelier. Apparently was named in 1789 by Mr. Davis, an early settler from Montpelier who found it very difficult to travel up that area by the Winooski River because of the “rock bridge”. A school had been constructed at the bottom of the hill, was moved to its present location in 1857 and closed in 1960. Margo will do trivia in March.

Anne Hutchinson and the the fourth-grade team from Thatcher Brook are interested in the history of Stowe Street. We have material for a scavenger hunt and Jack has an updated history of Stowe Street.

**Champlain Students:** Connor Greene and Benjamin Nicholas are working on a Senior Capstone Communications Project to be finished by August. Their focus will be on the recovery from Tropical Storm Irene at the end of August in 2011. They will start with photos of the event to set the stage and then will do audio and video of some folks and businesses who were impacted. We gave them names of folks to contact: Anne Imhoff, Bill Woodruff, Skip Flanders, Laura Parette, Barb Farr, M.K. Monley, Rebecca Ellis, Theresa Wood, Bill Shepluck, Al Caron.

Randall Street, Elm Street and Main Street were most impacted. Paul Willard and Gordon Miller have photos and there is a book documenting the event.

A group has commissioned a 20' x 22' mural called Phoenix Rising to be painted on a wall in the alley by Axel's frame shop.

**Program:** Skip Flanders – Betty Jones has contacted Connie Bryan in California. She has invited us to hold our July picnic on the lawn at the Bryan house on Maple Street in the Center. It will need to be on Saturday, July 10 or Wednesday, July 7.

Howard Coffin is set to do a program in October.

For the spring meeting maybe a tour of the grounds of the State Office Buildings maybe in May rather than trying to do a meeting in April. John Ostrum worked on the reconstruction of the State Buildings. September is archeology month.

Ghost Walk on Memorial Day?

Cheryl is interested in connecting with the historical society in Waterbury, CT.

**Curator:** Jack Carter and Jan taped over 200 hearts in the windows of the History Museum for Valentine's Day. Jack has now taken them down.

Sandy Hough and LeAnn Viens are not yet working and work is piling up.

Jack would like to move the Women in Waterbury exhibit up to the Museum and refresh the exhibits. Plus, the area needs dusting.

**Newsletter:** Cheryl Casey will include info re: the annual appeal. Calvin Dow, from Danbury, CT has turned 100 and has sent an article. Karen Steele will be the featured person.

Discussion followed re: proposals for the name change for Thatcher Brook Elementary School. Big Brook School or Jack suggested after the meeting Stowe Street School. What will be the cost?

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 on ZOOM