

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting – June 15, 2021

In the Steele Community Room

Present: Cheryl Casey, Paul and Jane Willard, Jim Walton, Jan Gendreau, Jack Carter, Betty Jones, Anne Imhoff and Grace Sweet

Copy to Bill Woodruff

Jack Carter, WHS Curator and very much more passed away on Monday, June 21.

Irene Documentary: Connor Greene joined us via computer for a Q and A wrap up. Kudos to Ben Nicholas and Connor Greene for a project well done. The premier of the film will take place in the Steele Room on Saturday, August 28 at 10 a.m. An opportunity for Q and A will follow and then the film will be presented on a continuous loop until 2 p.m. There will also be a five-minute video of the Main Street reconstruction.

Minutes of the May 19th meeting – Jack Carter was also a guide for the cemetery walk on Memorial Day. The item re: the clay tiles should have been placed under the Irene Documentary section. Paul moved to accept with the corrections and Jack seconded. Approved.

Membership: Paul Willard – Three folks have died: Calvin Dow, Judy Ather and Sharon MacMahan, so there are now 225 members.

Treasurer's Report: Paul - \$225 has been given in memory of Calvin Dow. The Capital Campaign which began in 2014 was established to be used for large expenses. No more money is expected to be contributed. It has a total of \$30,773.13 and earns little interest. Should it be invested in the T. Rowe Price account? It needs to be accounted for separately. Is there something that the History Center needs? Tabled. The Annual Appeal is for general expenses. *(RW owns the railroad station – Keurig has a lease on the café until 2026 – in limbo as Keurig has left town.)* Checking account: \$40,989.55, T. Rowe Price: \$112,929.63 and Capital Campaign: \$30,774.43 for a total of \$184,693.61. Jack moved to approve, Jim 2nd – approved.

New Book: Jane Willard – Photos need to be submitted by July 2. The cover will be in color – a collage illustrating resilience. The back cover will be an image of the Phoenix Rising installation. Articles not used in the book can be used in other ways but not on Past Perfect. No part of the book can be used for other purposes. Elena Billadeau is willing to organize extra materials. Jane will ask Elena to estimate expenses for that work – may need to make an addendum to the original contract. The amount allotted is \$5000. Jim moved, Jack 2nd. Tabled. There are 42 books related to Waterbury in the Library. An on-line index will include the titles.

Outreach: Jane – committee will meet June 16. \$165 has been spent for copying material for the flyers for Meals on Wheels recipients. On Friday, September 17 the group will present a program at the Senior Center on Don Fields and the Pony Boys.

Ghost Walk: Jan Gendreau – well done!

Program: Betty Jones – The summer picnic will be at the Bryan home on Maple Street on Wednesday, July 7 at 1 p.m. The committee will get a tent and supply silver, napkins, ice cream, brownies and tables. Attendees need to bring chairs. Betty will distribute 25 posters. Cheryl will post on Face-Book and on Front Porch.

President's Report: Cheryl Casey – The application to RW for a grant for the new book has been tabled until July. NQID parade – we are not interested in participating.

The Stowe Historical Society is interested in how we function. Plan to have a meet and greet between the boards – no date set.

The town offices will be reopening on July 16.

Waterbury Arts is supporting Phoenix Rising, the public art installation at 5 Stowe Street. They are looking for funds. A motion was made by Paul to donate \$200, 2nd by Jan. Grace made a motion to donate \$500, 2nd by Jan. Approved. They need \$46,000 and have raised \$31,891 at this point.

Anne Imhoff is working on a grant. Cheryl will write a letter of support for it.

Barb Farr is organizing the village walking tour for Aug. 28. 11-1 at the Rusty Parker Park and area. 2:30-3:30 Stowe Street and area. Guides will be Skip, Cheryl and Brian Lindner. (Jack was scheduled as well.)

David Shultz, State House Curator, will give two tours of the State complex, 9:00 and 1:00.

On June 18 there will be a recognition of the 50th year of the Waterbury Ambulance service.

They received an award for their work re: COVID. Cheryl will interview Bob Jones in regard to the ambulance service.

Curator: Jack Carter – some of the murals at the train station were slightly damaged. On July 19 folks will meet the train at 10:00 on the resumption of train service.

The assessment-deassessment committee will begin work soon and will meet with Leanne Viens.

Donations: Brian Lindner donated his son's Cub Scout and Little League uniforms.

Robert Hanley donated a pair of Derby Ball water skis.

Newsletter: Cheryl – deadline June 20.

Next meeting – July 20 at 4:30 in the Steele Room.