

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

April 17, 2024 in the Steele Room at 4:30 p.m.

Present: President Cheryl Casey, Joe Camaratta, Jill Chase, Jan Gendreau, Anne Imhoff, Skip Flanders, Mike Maloney, Laura Parette, Margo Sayah, Margaret Moreland, and Grace Sweet

Copies to: Bill Woodruff, Karen Petrovic, Sandy Hough, Josette Metayer, Betty Jones, and Betsy Shapiro

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of March 20, 2024	Jan moved to accept the minutes and Jill seconded.	<i>Approved</i>
Cheryl served a cake to honor Mike Maloney , the Collections Manager on his departure.	Mike's last day will be Friday, April 19. Mike has worked diligently to organize and label items in our collection as well as streamlining the method of entering items into Past Perfect working 20 hours a week for the last 17 months. Mike is going to be the Digital Specialist at the Library in S. Burlington	<i>We wish Mike well.</i>
Ghost Walk Monday, May 27 Jan	Maple Street Cemetery in Waterbury Center. Honoring Waterbury people who are not buried in one of the town cemeteries. The guides will be Jane and Paul Willard, Jill and Jan.	<i>Cheryl is looking for a student speaker.</i>
Eclipse Open House Sunday, April 7	There were 8 visitors in the Steele Room and about 20 in the History Center. Some books were sold – about \$70 in donations. Locals were pleased to have the Center open on a weekend.	
Program: Saturday, May 4 at 1:00	Waterbury Parades in the Steele Room presented by Skip. Flyers have been made by Laura. Summer picnic? At Bryan's or Hope Davey field? Program?	<i>Skip</i> <i>RW will help to advertise events.</i>
Outreach Education Committee: Margo	We plan to send flyers to about 70 folks who receive Meals on Wheels . The first flyer will basically be the first page of the WHS newsletter. Laura is putting it together from the newsletter. The next month's flyer will be other articles from the newsletter. What's in the Box? We took the Ezra Butler's foot warmer from the collection to the librarian at the Brookside Elem. School. There were 84 guesses. The closest was the guess of an oven by a first grader. We hope to begin joining the Seniors for a Friday meal and perhaps share some of the What's in a Box? items to generate conversation. Vietnam Vets' memories: Margo has hit several dead ends. Maybe Wayne Goulet, who is head of the Legion would be a good contact or Bella Preedom who is a member of the Auxiliary.	<i>Margo, Skip, Grace and Margaret</i>
Exhibits in Steele Room	WHS received a \$300 grant from Revitalizing Waterbury for the mounting of photos etc. for the fall exhibit of Waterbury's state parks: "From River Community to Recreational Gem" in conjunction with the 100 th anniversary of VT's State Parks. Katarina Lisaius is in charge of scheduling – George Woodard's exhibit will end in mid-May; June 15-July 1 – The Brain Injury Society; July 2-August 31 – paintings by Pauline; Sept.1-Oct. 31 CCC and Waterbury's State Parks.	<i>Katarina has offered to organize Open Houses for the events.</i> <i>Anne, Cheryl and Brian Lindner</i>

History Center	<p>Topo Despault has Peter Miller's sign of the couple that was by Peter's house. Topo would like to give it to WHS.</p> <p>A member of Lefty Sayah's family would like to give his cross-country running uniform to WHS.</p>	Acquisition Committee
Finances: Joe	<p>Laura submitted a bill for the tags which she put on the ski items. It was suggested that she also make headers for the displays.</p> <p>See attached report. Joe will present a reconciliation statement quarterly.</p> <p>42 members have not renewed their memberships. Joe will send a google doc list of those who are receiving a printed copy of the newsletter to see if members can contact those whom they know.</p>	Joe Board
Non-profit event	<p>RW will host a meet and greet event with all non-profits in Waterbury in the second half of August in the Hope Davey Park.</p> <p>It will be a good opportunity for us to call attention to our collection. It will be a chance to share our activities and programs.</p>	More info will be forthcoming
Newsletter: Laura	<p>160 newsletters were mailed. Content due May 8. The lead article will be Bob Ayers article on Allen Backels who died after being hit by a baseball.</p>	Laura
Strategic Planning Recap	<p>Cheryl will put the draft into Google Docs so that board members can make comments. The focus is on Mission, Vision, Values and Action items.</p>	Cheryl and Board
Collections Manager position	<p>The consensus was that the position should continue at 20 hours per week. Mike has been an immense help to the accession committee. The job description could include interacting with the various WHS committees, perhaps recommending topics etc.</p> <p>Could we find a volunteer curator?</p>	Cheryl Who will be on the search committee?
Next meeting	May 15 at 4:30 in the Steele Room	
Meeting Adjourned	at 6:20	
Secretary's Minutes	Notes respectfully submitted by Grace Sweet	