

Waterbury Historical Society

Board Meeting 6/18/25 in the Steele Community Room

Present: Cheryl Casey, Laura Parette, Stacey Askew, Anne Imhoff, Jill Chase, Joe Camaratta, Margo Sayah and Grace Sweet

Copies to: Skip Woodruff, Bill Woodruff, Jan Gendreau, and Margaret Moreland

May 21 Minutes: Anne moved to accept, Jill seconded. Approved

Financial Report by Joe: Anne moved to accept, Jill seconded. Approved.

Business Sponsorship: Heritage Tracks – four placements for \$300.

Zachary's has posted 3 or 4 copies of WHS photos with no credit or provenance. In future it may be wise to watermark photos that are emailed. Language can be entered into Past Perfect regarding images stating that they belong to WHS and can be used with permission. *Cheryl will follow up.*

Operations Reports: Look on-line for details of Cheryl's trip on June 5 and 6 to Orono, Maine to meet with members of the Maine H.S. All groups have too much stuff and not enough story (or storage). All are looking for ways to sustain the process of collecting and documenting.

Accessioning/Deaccessioning: Stacy reported that the wood for "the ship" may have been made from wood of a ship that was sunk in L. Champlain and raised by LCMM (Lake Champlain Maritime Museum).

The skull is no longer a part of our collection.

A complete manuscript for the book, **Waterbury Record**, by Robert Duffus has been purchased. A copy will be entered into Past Perfect.

Vermont Historical Society: Hannah Fitzpatrick will come on Friday to assist with the A/D committee.

Kinsley Hall who is working with Americorps, will work on the Collections Inventory as part of an independent service project.

The **volunteer list** is growing as reported by Laura Parette. ***Cheryl will generate a list of tasks that need doing.***

Newsletter: the summer issue included a notice of the 200th anniversary reenactment of Lafayette's visit to Waterbury on Sunday, June 29.

It also has a notice of the program on Sunday, July 20 at 2pm at St. Leo's Hall entitled "Rebuilding the Notre Dame Cathedral" by Vermont timber framer, Will Gusakov.

Suggestions for the Fall Newsletter include highlighting the Outreach and Education Committee's project of bringing artifacts monthly from the collection to the library and librarian at the Brookside Elementary School and to the Senior Center.

Lafayette's Visit: Sunday, June 29 at Ezra Butler's home at 73 N. Main Street. Members will gather about 9:15. Skip Flanders will make introductory remarks. Joe will play the part of Ezra Butler and Cheryl Casey, his daughter, Fannie. Reenactors of Lafayette and Gov. Cornelius Van Ness will arrive and make remarks. The audience is invited to remain for refreshments (cider, switchel, scones, strawberries, cookies) and to play lawn games. Parking is available at Anderson Field. The sandwich board will be placed on the grounds of the History Center for the NQID parade on June 28 to advertise the event.

Membership: Bill Woodruff will not be running to be member-at-large again. Ryan Geary has accepted the position of Vice-President. He was involved in refreshing the school exhibit in the History Center.

History Center Staffing for July 5 and 6. Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts. On Sunday, May 25, ten people visited.

Expense requests: The miscellaneous budget is way over anticipated amount. \$50 for VHS for one. There is no category for promotional items. \$250 received from the COHORT grant. A stand-up banner for outdoor use which can also be hung is \$135. The Website subscription (WIX) will be \$305 for one year. They are offering a subscription for two years at a 17% reduction. Joe made a motion to extend the the website budget by \$300, Anne seconded, so \$300 plus \$400 (already budgeted) = \$700. Approved. WIX monitors our website usage, telling us who looked at what, how many times, how long etc.

Revitalizing Waterbury is planning an event at the train station to celebrate its 150th anniversary on Saturday, June 28 at 10:00. The Champlain Valley Chapter of the National R.R. Historical Society is looking for promotional help.

The **agenda for the July 16th** meeting should include the Annual Meeting and the banner.

Notes respectfully submitted by Grace Sweet