

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

August 20, 2025, in the Steele Community Room

Present: Cheryl Casey, Joe Camaratta, Jill Chase, Skip Flanders, Margo Sayah, Ryan Cleary, Stacey Askew, and Grace Sweet

Copies to: Margaret Moreland, Bill Woodruff, Laura Parette, Anne Imhoff and Jan Gendreau

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Casey at 4:40.

The minutes of July 16: Joe moved to accept with a clarification – the Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 2:00 in the Steele Room. Seconded by Jill. Approved.

Operations Reports: See attached reports

Labor Day Open House: Sunday, August 31 Jill and Stacey can be present from 1-3.

The Derby Ball exhibit in the Steele Room will be up until September 22.

September 9: VHS will have a session entitled Creative Storage Solutions.

An addition to the reference library: “Lost Graves” by Anne Donohue about patient burials from the Vermont State Hospital.

The Eastern Star Suitcase has been returned to that group.

Waterbury’s 2014 FEMA Recovery Plan was in our archives. The town did not have a copy, so we provided a copy.

Charles Dillingham, a descendant of the Waterbury Dillinghams, is coming to Waterbury on Tuesday, September 30, to do family research.

Kinsley Hall from AmeriCorps has completed an Individual Research Project. All objects in the two storage units except ¾ of one have been inventoried. Items that tell Waterbury’s story need to be prioritized.

The model of the ship Santa Maria donated by Lyle Woodward has been in our collection since 1966. He purchased it at an auction following WWII. The suspicion is that it is “Nazi loot”. Since it has been in the WHS collection for more than ten years we are free to divest ourselves of it. **Will Merrill’s Auction House take it?**

Lizzie Coburn Stackpole’s clothing and other items have been deaccessioned, but they are still in our storage unit.

Cheryl has yet to contact Merrill’s.

Proposed Budget for 2026: Joe - WHS has some grant money that can be used for archival supplies - boxes etc. Stacey reports that some artifacts are stored together, however they should be stored separately.

The category "Curator Expense" will be changed to "Collections and Exhibits".

The Annual Appeal is unrestricted income.

Skip suggested that \$100 be included for paper products for programs.

The budget reflects a \$14,000 decrease in investments. That money has been used to balance the budget.

Joe asked Cheryl to check our budget with other towns our size to create a benchmark.

Jill made a motion to accept the budget as proposed. Grace seconded. Approved.

The proposed budget will be printed in the September newsletter.

Joe will be away for the month of September.

ProPig is planning to print some old timey postcards and sell them with a portion of the proceeds coming to WHS. (Or are they planning to use them for advertising?)

Newsletter: The layout will occur on Monday, August 25.

Cheryl suggested that WHS initiate the installation of an **interpretive sign for Anderson Field** commemorating the reform school that was located in that space before a disastrous fire destroyed it. The school was relocated to Vergennes and became the Weeks School.

Program and Annual Meeting: *Skip* – Saturday, October 18 at 2 p.m. in the Steele Room.

The business meeting will begin at 2:00. The program will begin at 2:30. The presenter will be Amy Marshall Carney. Her subject will be her Great Uncle Dan Marshall.

By-law amendments by Joe, Cheryl and Margaret will be presented to the board at the September 17th meeting.

Town Plan Parts One and Two: Aspirations/Goals/Strategies Survey will lead to Certified Local Government (CLG). There will be a presentation to the Town Planning Commission on Monday, October 27 at 6 p.m. To be continued at the September 17th Board meeting.

Notes respectfully submitted by Grace Sweet