

Waterbury Historical Society

Board of Directors meeting – October 10, 2017

6 PM – Steele Community Room

Present: Barb Farr, Jane Willard, Jan Gendreau, Jack Carter, Paul Willard

Betty Jones, Cheryl Casey, Jill Chase, Tracy Haerther

Archivist Meet and Greet - Tracy Haerther was introduced and welcomed as our new Archivist. Tracy gave a brief history of her experience and was warmly greeted by the members present. She plans to begin her duties soon and will let Bill Shepeluk know the exact date. Paul will enter Tracy as Archivist onto the website.

Secretary's minutes of September 12th meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's report – Paul reported that we have \$19,000+ (checking account), \$20,319. (capital campaign balance) and \$74,238. (investments). Interest on the investments since the beginning are approximately \$25,000.

He has moved our checking and capital campaign accounts from TD Bank to Northfield Savings Bank given that fact that TD Bank will be closing their Waterbury branch office.

It was motioned and approved that the Secretary be a second/alternate signatory on all accounts.

League of Historical Societies annual meeting - There has been interest by some members to attend the meeting on October 28th at Lyndon State College. Registration fee was discussed and agreed that the treasury will pay half of the fee for those who attend. Jane will find out whether board members (WHS is a VHS member) are included in the discounted rate of \$35.00. Those interesting attending should send registration form to Paul no later than Friday, the 13th with their selected workshops.

Annual Appeal letter – After much discussion about how to proceed with the suggested annual appeal letter, it was decided to not do a mass (grand list/voter list) this year. More information on exactly how to go about it is needed especially so late in the year. Instead, Chris Palermo and Jane will draft a letter to be distributed to the November meeting. It will be sent to our membership and others in the community and perhaps an ad and the letter will be placed in the Waterbury Record.

Curator's report – Jack reported of a small turnout for the open house on October 7th. Those who did attend had never been in before and that was a good thing. Volunteers for the

November 4th opening have expressed interest and he will send out a schedule beforehand. It was agreed that the November exhibit focus on the 90th anniversary of the 1927 Flood. Jack mentioned there has been some discussion about reinstating the Meal of Remembrance from the past. Barb suggested perhaps we could do that at the April annual meeting recalling it is WHS 60th anniversary.

Jack and Cheryl have met twice and have been working on the Revitalizing Waterbury RFP regarding the refresh of the community room at the Railroad Station. They have formulated ideas and materials and will have paper work done by the November 1st application deadline. Jack asked about partnering financially with RW if the plan exceeds the \$12,000 RW budget limit. It was agreed that WHS would help but no monetary amount was determined. There is money in the capital campaign fund that can be used for work such as this. The plan will center around using the Arvad's mural.

Jack and Tracy will work on a deaccessing plan. Jack will show Tracy the storage units after she starts her employment.

Program Committee report – Betty spoke about the October meeting and Cheryl has been working on the publicity and logistics. Joe Citro will speak at St Leo's Hall on October 25th. Lodging has been secured at the Old Stagecoach Inn and the “haunted” room has been given free of charge by John Barwick, innkeeper. The January meeting will be about maple.

Outreach/Education Committee report - Jane hopes that FPF trivia will focus on the Bank of Waterbury since it (the current TD Bank office) will close soon. They are waiting to hear from the schools about participating in other projects

Newsletter Editor - Cheryl noted that the December issue deadline is November 13th and gave a report about what that issue will contain. Content for the issue is mostly set.

Past Perfect Training - Jan wonders how many are interested in participating. Paul has been in contact with the trainer, Kay Schlueter, about logistics. She is waiting for Joanna (Caswell) to return from vacation and will then get back to us with a plan.

Application was submitted on 9/28 for a municipal planning grant to finance archiving artifacts that are recovered during the upcoming Main Street reconstruction. Notice of award should be late November, early December.

Without any other business the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

Next meeting – November 14th .

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Carter
Secretary

