

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

June 21, 2023, in the History Center at 4:37 p.m.

Present: President Cheryl Casey, Joe Camaratta, Jan Gendreau, Anne Imhoff, Skip Flanders, Jill Chase, Bill Woodruff, Mike Maloney, Jane Willard, and Grace Sweet

Copies to: Karen Petrovic and Sandy Hough, Laura Parette, Margo Metayer, Josette White, Betty Jones, and Betsy Shapiro

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of May 17	Re: the skull and the skeleton. The skeleton is a partial skeleton. It is not known if the skull and the skeleton belong together. Clayton Jones brought the replica of the ship from Europe. Lyle Woodard bought it and gave it the WHS. Joe moved to accept the minutes. Jill seconded.	<i>Approved with corrections.</i>
Finances – Joe Donor Box	See attachment. 121 responses to the membership renewal. Jan, Skip, Joe, Margo, and Josette updated the membership list. 243 members are on the list, however, 61 have not paid dues. Donor Box has been activated. 1) a QR code may be used to register for events, 2) a different QR code may be used to give a donation, 3) another QR code can be used to renew membership. Jill moved to accept, Anne seconded. Number 4: we could do targeted fundraising with businesses – asking for sponsorship – could give a logo and window decal. Joe suggests launching the opportunity to businesses in September with a strategically crafted appeal to test Donor Box. Should our next annual appeal be made to the entire community?	<i>Approved</i> <i>Not determined</i>
History Center and Digital Collections - Mike	See attachment for list of the 277 items. 197 have been cataloged, 66 are uncataloged and 14 are pending. 24% of exhibited items are not cataloged. Steve Martin is continuing to scan Dr. Janes' bed cards. Bob Butler has not updated the IT machines. What about extraneous items? The weathervane? Bill says to catalog it. The Winter Croquet Trophy? Chatter, but no decision. Binder of procedures – Joe, Cheryl and Anne have reviewed. Skull? Mike will contact Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to ask what to do with the skull.	The Board asked Mike to make a list of items that perhaps should not be in the collection. <i>Mike will contact NAGPRA</i>
Picture Hanging System	Tom Leitz, the Town Manager	<i>Cheryl will follow up.</i>
A/D - Jan	Jan and her grandson, Zach Fisher, are working on boxing up the ship for storage.	
Revitalizing Waterbury – Train Station Display	We do have items on display in the space that is only open when the trains come. Mike will inventory the WHS items. The panels painted by Sarah-Lee Tarrat are ours as is the display case. What is RW's plan for the space? To whom does the model train belong?	<i>Mike</i>

Newsletter - Laura	The deadline for the September issue is August 15. Jan and Anne will have articles.	<i>Laura, Jan and Anne</i>
Media - Cheryl	600 - 700 hits per month. 180+ people are going to Google to find WHS.	
OEC – Outreach Education Committee: Jane Bike Camp through the rec program	On Wednesday, June 28 at noon, Skip will present a Power Point talk at the Senior Center about parades in Waterbury . Sue Johansen will lead folks in singing patriotic songs. Wyatt O’ Brien, the rec program director, will lead a bike camp from July 10-14. Members of WHS will meet the campers for brief talks at various sites.	
Oral History – Vietnam Vets – Margo Metayer	Roster of vets donated by Brian Lindner to WHS. The intent is to interview the vets for posterity.	<i>Margo and committee</i>
Request from Waterbury Rotary via Theresa Wood	Montpelier Rotary is celebrating its 100 th anniversary. Is there anything in our collection that would be an appropriate gift?	<i>Mike will look.</i>
Program – Skip: The Morse Code Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 in the Steele Room.	Brendan Buckley, author of <u>The Morse Code</u> , will do a book talk, power point and Q&A about Dave Morse who grew up in Waterbury. Morse became a sportswriter and was inducted in the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame. Light refreshments will be available. Co-sponsored with Bridgeside Books. Skip plans to do an interview with Buckley in advance on WDEV.	<i>Registration through Donor Box is requested. No fee. Copies of the book will be available.</i>
Ghost Walk - Jan	The event was well attended and timely. Antony Jeswin was not present to read his speech, but, perhaps, it could be printed in the September newsletter.	<i>Jan - Laura</i>
Security Cameras - Bill	They are fixed!	<i>Need a policy</i>
Nominating Committee	Positions to be filled: Vice President, Secretary, and a board member.	<i>Jan, Margo and a member at large</i>
Next meeting: Potluck and Strategic Planning	July 10 at 4:30 at Laura Parette’s home, 109 Mansion Hollow Rd. Invite David and Margaret Luce, Theresa Wood and Brian Lindner who have been leaders in the past.	<i>Cheryl and Laura</i>
Condolences to Betsy Shapiro	Betsy’s husband, Thomas Gorton died on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.	<i>Grace sent a card on behalf of WHS</i>
Note taker	Grace Sweet Meeting adjourned at 6:30.	