

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting
February 21, 2024, in the Steele Room at 4:35 p.m.

Present: Vice President Jill Chase presided, Joe Camaratta via ZOOM, Jan Gendreau, Anne Imhoff, Skip Flanders, Bill Woodruff, Laura Parette, Mike Maloney, and Grace Sweet

Copies to: Cheryl Casey, Karen Petrovic, Sandy Hough, Margo Sayah, Josette Metayer, Betty Jones, and Betsy Shapiro

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of Jan. 17	Jan moved to accept the minutes and Anne seconded.	<i>Approved</i>
<p>Program: March 7 at 6:00</p> <p>Sat. May 4 at 1:00 in the Steele Room by Skip</p> <p>Possible programs</p>	<p>Vermont for the Vermonters: The History of Eugenics in the Green Mountain State by Mercedes Guardiola. This Program is presented in conjunction with Bridgeside Books and the Waterbury Library: Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 in the Steele Room.</p> <p>Parades and stories and postcards</p> <p>Local Authors: > Jeffrey Amestoy: <u>Slavish Shore</u> about Richard Henry Dana >David Goodman either about skiing or <u>Fault Lines</u> about his time in South Africa. >Paul Heller, a historian from Barre. Or >100th anniversary of the Vermont State Parks: we have the Waterbury Reservoir plus the remains of the CCC camp. >Foundry Building (Rock of Ages Building)</p>	<p><i>Laura will make a poster.</i></p> <p><i>Laura will make a poster and advertise it in the newsletter.</i></p>
Outreach and Education Skip	<p>Margo has been ill, so nothing has happened.</p> <p>History Camp through the summer rec. program may happen: Katerina Lisaius is in charge. If so, several WHS members would speak about a particular historical place or event in the space where it happened. TBD</p> <p>The VT Hist. Soc. had a presentation “How to Involve Kids in History.”</p>	History Camp TBD
Ghost Walk: Jan	Absent Ghosts: Folks who made an impact on Waterbury, but who are buried elsewhere – Aurilla Auclair, Miss Colley etc.	<i>May 27</i> <i>TBD</i>
Eclipse: Monday April 8	The town has a website devoted to events on the weekend of April 6 and 7. We will open the Museum from 10:00 to 2:00 on Sunday. We will ask some new members to man the space.	<i>Laura will write a blurb for the newsletter</i>

<p>Mike Maloney: History Center and Collections</p>	<p>See attached report. It is suggested that we purchase a moisture monitor. Sticky insect traps would let us know about the prevalence of insects and what they might prefer to eat. The clothing is stored quite well. Some clothing items might be suitable to allow kids to examine or even wear.</p> <p>Rotary Materials: Al Lewis visited Mike. The Rotary has paid Sandy Hough to store Rotary items on our Past Perfect. The Rotary wants all their data to be stored on Past Perfect. We feel that the Past Perfect should only be for WHS materials. Maybe Rotary International could help the Rotary with their data storage.</p>	<p><i>What would be the cost of a clothing expert?</i></p>
<p>Exhibits in the Steele Room</p>	<p>Maybe 3 exhibits a year. WHS would do at least one a year. There is interest from a watercolor group to hang an exhibit. >State Parks 100th Anniversary – C.C. Trail – who has pics? Who would spearhead? >Calendars from Steve van Esen’s collection >High School Graduation photos</p>	<p>Board to be revisited.</p>
<p>Finances: Joe</p>	<p>Joe made a motion to move money to pay for the repaired/replaced security cameras from the Capital Campaign to the checking account. Anne 2nd. Ninety-two members have not renewed their memberships. Fifty-four of those receive the newsletter by mail. It was decided to remind those 92 in the next newsletter that they have not renewed. Joe will send the list to Board members to see if members can contact those that they know with a friendly reminder.</p>	<p><i>Approved</i></p> <p><i>Board will help.</i></p>
<p>Newsletter: Laura</p>	<p>Deadline: March 8, but can wait a week. Jill will contact Cheryl about articles. Jill and Anne will proofread.</p>	<p>Jill and Cheryl</p>
<p>Unfinished Business Strategic Planning – Sat. Jan. 13, 2024</p> <p>Lifetime Achievement Award</p>	<p>Thirteen attended: Cheryl Casey, Skip Flanders, Joe Camaratta, Bill April, Anne Imhoff, Jan Gendreau, Jill Chase, Betsy Shapiro, Margaret Moreland, Marieta Warnstedt, Betty Jones, Mike Maloney and Grace Sweet</p> <p>The League of Local Historical Societies and Museums annually awards deserving folks. It was decided to honor Paul and Jane Willard at the November meeting.</p>	<p>Cheryl will write up a report</p> <p>Cheryl</p>
<p>Additional items</p>	<p>Cleaning History Center – dead flies, mold Reach out to the 60 odd new members: invite them to participate</p>	<p>Bill will look into it.</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>March 20 at 4:30 in the Steele Room</p>	
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>at 6:05</p>	
<p>Secretary’s Minutes</p>	<p>Notes respectfully submitted by Grace Sweet</p>	