

WATERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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WHS Annual Business: A Letter from the President

Dear Waterbury Historical Society Members,

I hope this fall newsletter finds you in good health and strong character. This has been by all accounts an unusual year where normal business patterns and schedules have been upended due to the coronavirus that has spread throughout the world. We are fortunate to have been shielded from the worst of it by our rural nature and respect for each other.

Without a doubt, coronavirus has had an impact on the WHS, as I am sure it has on you and your family as well. The municipal offices, library and history center closed to all visitors, staff, and business activities in mid-March this year. We are now just beginning to sort out where we left off as several key events have been cancelled or postponed.

Our WHS board meetings were conducted by conference calls, and now recently in-person and outdoors with plenty of social distancing. The Memorial Day Ghost Walk and quarterly programs for April and July were cancelled. We are hoping to hold the October meeting.

This brings me to some housekeeping items that we as a membership need to address. The WHS annual meeting for our entire 200+ membership is always scheduled in April, per our current bylaws. This is when the membership approves the new operating budget and elects new Board members and officers. The fiscal year is the calendar year, so the WHS is always 4 months into the new fiscal year before approving an annual budget. We are currently operating on our carry-over 2019 budget.

The COVID disruptions have given us an opportunity to recommend bylaws changes that will align annual meeting voting with the fiscal/calendar year. Additionally, the board is proposing to expand voting procedures to include paper ballot by mail and electronic voting to the existing language for in-person voting.

If passed, these amendments to the bylaws would take effect on October 28, 2020 (normal quarterly membership meeting, in person or not). New board appointments and the budget would become effective on January 1, 2021.

Inside this newsletter you will find the proposed bylaws amendments and methods for voting with a three-part ballot: board members, budget, and bylaws revisions.

A written tally of the results will be presented at the quarterly meeting on October 28. In the event that we are unable to hold that meeting in person, the results will be posted to our website, Facebook, and the winter newsletter.

PLEASE VOTE! BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY POST OR ELECTRONICALLY BY OCTOBER 15, 2020. ONLY ONE VOTE PER MEMBER PLEASE.

Thank you and hope to see you in the near future.

Sincerely, Barb Farr, President

Editor's Note:

By necessity, this quarter's newsletter veers off track from our usual types of content.

Since the Society is unable to hold a regular business meeting to conduct its annual affairs, I have offered up the newsletter space for such business to be conveyed to you, our members. This has meant delaying the publication of several wonderful stories submitted for this issue.

There is a tidbit or two in the following pages that provide a respite from the minutiae of Society business, but I hope you will take the time to give the business content your careful consideration. We value your voice and your participation.

Our winter issue will return to our regular content.

With thanks, Cheryl, Editor

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Ballot Item #1: Bylaws Amendments

Editor's Note: Only those sections containing proposed revisions are presented below, in "track changes" format using blue and red font. Each set of revisions in an Article is followed by a "rationale" for context. The full text of the current bylaws can be found on the [Waterbury Historical Society website's](#) About Us page. The Board presents these changes as a slate. Members are asked on the ballot to accept or reject this slate of amendments.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Waterbury Historical Society, Inc., otherwise referred to as Waterbury Historical Society or Society, collects, researches, documents, preserves, and exhibits artifacts related to the history of Waterbury, Vermont to help people gain a deeper appreciation, education, and inspiration through connections with our past.

Rationale: This change codifies the language already used throughout the bylaws.

ARTICLE I: MEMBERS

SECTION 2. REGULAR MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Regular meetings of the Waterbury Historical Society, Inc. shall be held in January, April, July, and October, or as close thereto as possible, of each year at such time and place as determined by the Board of Directors. The meeting in October ~~April~~ shall be the annual meeting.

SECTION 4. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Not less than ten (10) days before the date fixed for a meeting of members, written notice stating the time, place, and purposes of such meeting shall be given by or at the direction of the Secretary. The notice shall be given by mail and/or e-mail ~~electronically~~ addressed to the members at their respective addresses as they appear on the records of the Waterbury Historical Society, Inc. Notices for ~~the January and April programs and~~ meetings of the membership shall be given to all persons who were members in good standing for the previous calendar year.

SECTION 5. QUORUM

The members present at any meeting of the membership shall constitute a quorum, except as may otherwise be provided by law. At each meeting of the members, all questions and business shall be determined by a majority vote of those present, or by paper or electronic ballot if not able to meet in person, except as ~~in the Vermont Nonprofit Corporation Act or~~ in these Bylaws otherwise expressly provided.

Rationale: Since our fiscal year coincides with the calendar year, the board believes that moving our annual meeting to October allows for more effective budget planning and implementation. Instead of approving the annual budget four months into the fiscal year, we will review and vote on the budget two months in advance of the fiscal year.

Other changes to these sections bring our policies and practices in line with currently available and normalized methods of communication.

Finally, the Vermont Nonprofit Corporation Act does not provide any guidance or regulations about quorums, and so this mention is irrelevant here.

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ARTICLE II: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. NUMBER AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members elected under Article III and shall include four (4) officers and three (3) ~~at large directors~~. Officers serve two-year terms and at-large directors serve three-year terms. ~~Directors-Officers and at-large directors~~ may be elected to succeed themselves.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS

~~No person shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors unless such person is a member.~~ All persons who are members in good standing of the Waterbury Historical Society, Inc. are eligible for election to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES

The Board of Directors shall supervise the business, property, affairs, and finances of the Waterbury Historical Society, Inc, and shall review and propose amendments to the by-laws, Articles of Association and policies of the same. Only the elected members of the board shall have voting privileges in Board decisions.

Rationale: Section 1 did not previously include language for the terms of office, although it was titled such. Other revisions in this section are meant to clarify some language considered confusing or cumbersome.

ARTICLE III: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS. At the annual meeting, the Waterbury Historical Society, Inc. shall elect from its membership ~~a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer each for a two year term in the following manner~~ officers whose terms are expiring at the end of the calendar year. Officers' two-year terms are staggered such that president and treasurer are elected in the same year, and vice-president and secretary are elected ~~The term of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer shall be staggered electing president and the treasurer one year, the vice president and secretary~~ the following year. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, one or more assistant secretaries, one or more assistant treasurers, and such other positions as the Board may from time to time deem necessary, may be appointed as a non-voting member by majority vote of the Board. ~~—Any assistant shall not be considered a member of the Board.~~

SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE

Terms of office shall coincide with the calendar year. Each ~~of the~~ board members shall hold office from ~~the time of January 1 immediately following~~ their election until December 31 of the final year of their term ~~is complete or when successors have been elected at the next annual meeting of the members.~~ The Board of Directors may appoint someone to fill any vacancy at until the meeting which next follows the occurrence of the vacancy.

Rationale: In section 1, the language was considered confusing. These changes attempt to clarify the process for selecting officers. Section 3 addresses the Board's recommendation that we align our operations with the calendar year.

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ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

SECTION 1. STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

~~The Waterbury Historical Society, Inc. shall have the following standing committees: Program, Nominating, and Outreach Education. The Board of Directors may create ad hoc committees and appointed positions they determine are necessary for conducting the business and affairs of the Waterbury Historical Society, Inc., or as an aid to the performance of the duties of the officers and other members of the Board of Directors Board. Each committee shall select a chairperson. Each committee and appointed position shall be responsible for documenting their results of committee actions and results in the service of the Society's affairs. Members of each standing committee, with the exception of the Nominating Committee shall select a chairperson for a two-year term in advance of the annual meeting, and announce this chairperson to the membership at the annual meeting. Committee chairpersons may serve up to two (2) consecutive terms. Any chairperson who has served two consecutive terms shall step down for a minimum of one term before being eligible to be selected for the position again. Members of ad hoc committees shall select a chairperson to serve for the duration of that committee's charge.~~

~~Program Committee~~ SECTION 2. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

~~-There shall be a Program Committee consisting of at least three (3) Society members appointed by the Board. The Program Committee shall be responsible for planning and promoting the program portion of the quarterly meetings of the Society. Committee participants may be recruited by the committee at any time. At such time that committee participation drops below three members, the at the annual meeting, The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for recruiting recruit members to be appointed additional participants in order to fulfill the minimum number required. Additional members of the Program Committee beyond the minimum of three (3) may be recruited by the Program Committee and appointed by the Board at any time.~~

~~Nominating Committee~~ SECTION 3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

~~-There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed each year consisting of at least one (1) at-large member of the Board, whose position is not on the ballot, serving as chairperson and two (2) other Society members. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be candidates for election. One of the at large members of the Board of Directors, whose term is not open to be filled, will serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for assembling the annual ballot. The chair of the Nominating Committee will present a list of candidates for the positions open for election the ballot at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting by the standard means of communication in use by the Society at the given time. at the annual meeting.~~

~~Outreach Education Committee~~ SECTION 4: OUTREACH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

~~-There shall be an Outreach Education Committee consisting of at least three (3) members appointed by the Board. The Outreach Education Committee will conduct outreach to the community to increase awareness of and participation in the Waterbury Historical Society, Inc. Committee Participants may be recruited by the committee at any time. At such time that committee participation drops below three members, the at the annual meeting. The Nominating~~

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~~Archivist~~ **SECTION 5. APPOINTMENT OF STAFFING**

The Board of Directors may appoint one (1) or more ~~archivists~~ staff members, including office manager and cataloguer, to be responsible for the general care of the collection. The ~~archivist(s)~~ staff shall report to the Board of Directors. The duties include: the collecting, organizing, and preserving of items given to and in the care of the Waterbury Historical Society, Inc. in accordance with relevant policies; responding to inquiries for information that the Waterbury Historical Society, Inc. may have, and other duties as may be appropriate.

~~Curator~~ **SECTION 6. APPOINTMENT OF CURATOR**

The Board of Directors may appoint one (1) or more curators to be responsible for creation and maintenance of exhibits in the History Center and other locations as appropriate.

~~Newsletter Editor~~ **SECTION 7. APPOINTMENT OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

The Board of Directors may appoint a Newsletter Editor to be responsible for the preparation and mailing-distribution of a regular newsletter to the membership.

Rationale: Article V firstly lacked the standard format adopted by the rest of the document. Content has been organized into sections according to committee or appointment title, with an introductory section that defines the Society's standing committees and appointed positions versus ad hoc committees and appointments. The recommended term limits for Committee chairs ensure that we are regularly opening opportunities for members to grow in their volunteer roles and encouraging a diversity of voices in leadership positions.

The original language about adding members to the Program and Outreach Education Committees (sec. 2 and sec. 4, respectively) allowed for *both* Board appointment at the annual meeting *and* recruitment throughout the year as viable procedures. These practices cancel each other out. The proposed revisions simplify the means by which members can volunteer in the Society.

Revisions in section 3 (Nominating Committee) update the language regarding communication with the membership and clarifies the composition of the committee. A similar updating of language regarding means of communication is proposed in section 7 (Newsletter Editor).

Finally, the Board recommends broadening section 5 to refer to staffing more generally, rather than the specific role of archivist. This allows the Society greater flexibility in working with community members, interns, and archive/museum professionals to catalogue and care for the collections.

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ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors shall present any amendments or new Bylaws at a meeting of the members held for that purpose, or by paper or electronic ballot or electronically, of the members held for that purpose. Amendments or new Bylaws may be passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members who ~~are eligible to vote on such amendments or new Bylaws and~~ are present at a meeting, or in the event where circumstances do not allow for an in-person meeting, by paper or electronic ballot or electronically, provided that notice of the general nature and subject matter of such Amendments or new Bylaws shall have been given in the notice of said meeting.

Rationale: *Consistent with revisions proposed in earlier articles, these changes update the language to include widely-adopted electronic forms of communication.*

ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION

The Waterbury Historical Society, Inc. may be dissolved only at a special meeting called for such purpose, and in the manner prescribed by the relevant state laws, by vote of three-fourths of the members present. Upon any such dissolution of the Society, the Board of Directors shall without delay pay or make provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Society. Per the memorandum of understanding signed with the Town of Waterbury on May 2, 2016, all remaining historical material, property and funds belong to the Town.

Rationale: An article of dissolution did not previously exist in the bylaws. Such an article is considered standard practice, and so the Board drafted and proposes this new language for inclusion.

Ballot Item #2: Election of Directors & Officers

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for the membership's consideration:

Position	Term	Candidate
President	January 1, 2021—December 31, 2021 (to complete second year of a vacated two-year term)	Cheryl Casey
Vice President	January 1, 2021—December 31, 2022	Jim Walton
Secretary	January 1, 2021—December 31, 2022	Grace Sweet
Member-at-Large	January 1, 2021—December 31, 2023	Bill Woodruff

Ballot Item #3: 2020 & 2021 Budget



FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019

Income:	Proposed	Actual
Membership Dues	1,000.00	1,735.00
Donations	750.00	692.00
Sales and Fundraisers	1,200.00	1,184.00
Memorial Gifts	100.00	305.00
Town of Waterbury	8,245.00	8,700.00
Annual Appeal	6,300.00	7,505.00
TOTAL	17,595.00	20,121.00
Expenses:		
Newsletters	1,200.00	1,529.33
Program Committee	800.00	
Meeting Space 50.00		100.00
Speakers 500.00		800.00
Ghost Walk 100.00		52.94
Misc. 50.00		300.68
Annual Appeal		511.65
New Book Committee	50.00	74.00
Archivist & Employee	10,000.00	12,708.59 *
Web Site	135.00	179.70
Curator Expense	500.00	1,213.28 **
Archival Storage Supplies	953.95	183.28
Sir Richard's Storage	2,040.00	2,040.00
Gifts	50.00	50.00
Office Supplies/PO Box/etc	200.00	1,195.87
On Line Past Perfect	720.00	774.00
TOTAL	16,648.95	21,713.32

*Include Tracy & Sandy paid on 1/17 & 8/8 for 2018 & 19

**Capital Campaign money designed to be used for furniture, fixtures & equipment.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2020

Income:	Proposed	Actual through August 31
Membership Dues	1,500.00	200.00
Donations	750.00	860.00
Sales and Fundraisers	1,200.00	77.00
Memorial Gifts	100.00	50.00
Town of Waterbury	9,000.00	9,000.00
Annual Appeal	7,500.00	870.00
Karen Steele Gift	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL	30,050.00	
Expenses:		
Newsletters	1,500.00	820.00
Program Committee	750.00	0.00
Meeting Space 100.00		
Speakers 500.00		
Ghost Walk 100.00		
Misc. 50.00		
Annual Appeal	500.00	0.00
New Book Committee	879.60	1,113.32
Sandy Hough	7,428.78	1,981.30
Office Manager	5,717.37	1,194.15
Web Site	179.00	132.00
Curator Expense	1,000.00	1,745.54
Archival Storage Supplies	1,500.00	
Sir Richard's Storage	2,040.00	1,190.00
Gifts	50.00	0.00
Office Supplies & PO Box	500.00	405.11
On Line PastPerfect 20000	774.00	720.00
TOTAL	22,818.75	

(Both include FICA & Workman's Comp)

Accounts Overview

General Fund Money	Balance 12/31/2019	24858.13	8/20	29,471.39
Capital Campaign Money	Total Collected from 2014	175,682.15		
	Total Spent	-144,524.40		
	Balance in Account	31,157.75	8/20	31,182.60
	Pledges still due	5,000.00		
T. Rowe Price Investments	12/31/2019	90,852.90	8/20	95,595.09

Ballot Item #3: 2020 & 2021 Budget



PROPOSED BUDGET 2021

Income:	Proposed
Membership Dues	1,500.00
Donations	750.00
Sales and Fundraisers	1,200.00
Memorial Gifts	100.00
Town of Waterbury	9,000.00
Annual Appeal	7,500.00
	20,050.00
Expenses:	
Newsletters	1,500.00
Program Committee	750.00
Meeting Space 100.00	
Speakers 500.00	
Ghost Walk 100.00	
Misc. 50.00	
Annual Appeal	500.00
New Book Committee	879.60
Sandy Hough	7,428.78
Office Manager	5,717.37
Web Site	179.00
Curator Expense	1,000.00
Archival Storage Supplies	1,500.00
Sir Richard's Storage	2,040.00
Gifts	50.00
Office Supplies & PO Box	500.00
On Line PastPerfect 20000	774.00
	22,818.75

New Members

Alexander & Jordan Tolston
Waterbury, VT

Donations

Alexander & Jordan Tolston
General donation, \$20

Gordon & Theresa Wood
Newsletter donation, \$25



**NEXT MEETING AND PROGRAM [tentative]
October 28, 2020
Steele Community Room, 7pm
28 North Main Street, Waterbury VT
Vermont Women & the Civil War, featuring
Howard Coffin**



This program is tentatively-scheduled to take place in person; however, various remote formats are under consideration to accommodate health guidelines and restrictions. Please check Facebook and our website for updated information as the date approaches. All WHS events are free and open to the public. Mr. Coffin's presentation is sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.

WHS 2020 Ballot

Your name: _____

*Note: All voting is **confidential**. We only collect names to ensure ballots are submitted by members in good standing. For family memberships, each member of the household may submit a ballot.*

#1: Bylaws Amendments

- I ACCEPT the slate of Bylaws amendments as presented.
- I REJECT the slate of Bylaws amendments as presented.
- I ABSTAIN

#2: Officers & Directors

President:

- Cheryl Casey
- Write-in: _____

Abstain

Vice President:

- Jim Walton
- Write-in: _____

Abstain

#3: Budget 2020 & 2021

- I ACCEPT the budget as presented.
- I REJECT the budget as presented.
- I ABSTAIN

Secretary:

- Grace Sweet
- Write-in: _____

Abstain

Director-at-Large:

- Bill Woodruff
- Write-in: _____

Abstain

Please detach this ballot and return it to Waterbury Historical Society, PO Box 708, Waterbury, VT 05676 OR complete the electronic ballot at bit.ly/WHS-Ballot2020 (case sensitive) by OCTOBER 15, 2020.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Most interesting to read about the rise and demise of the *Waterbury Record*. In the 1930s my father subscribed to the *Waterbury Record*, the *Burlington Free Press*, the *Barre Times*, and the *Boston Post*. In 1944 a news reporter sent me (in Kunming, China at the time) a *Waterbury Record* front page article with the headline, "The Dows Make the News." Fay Down in Europe, Ryle Dow in India, and Cal Dow in China, playing an exhibition tennis match with Hollywood actress Jinx Falkenberg to raise the morale of U.S. soldiers 12,000 miles from home.

*Your Connecticut Member
Calvin Dow*



This photo was printed in a 1944 issue of the *Waterbury Record*. WHS member Calvin Dow is far left, next to actress and model Jinx Falkenberg, who was also a former tennis champion of Brazil. Photo courtesy of Calvin Dow.

SUBMIT CONTENT

To submit a letter to the editor, stories, or photos for an upcoming issue, email the editor at cheryl.casey1010@gmail.com or send by post to:
Dr. Cheryl Casey, 1389 Kneeland Flats Rd., Waterbury Center, VT 05677.

Quarterly submission deadlines: February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15

Featured Figure: Hiata Corduan

Owner of Bridgeside Books Ready for New Adventures

By Cheryl Casey

Bridgeside Books is a beloved staple of downtown Waterbury's retail scene. But it took a "thunderbolt" of realization before owner Hiata Corduan saw the shop as an attainable reality. Now, 11 years after it opened, Corduan is ready to pursue the next flash of inspiration.

A native of Hardwick, Vermont, Corduan taught herself to read at a very young age. As a life-long, voracious reader, she "knew I wanted to do something with books. Maybe get my masters of library science. But then I would look at programs and get intimidated." She also knew she loved customer service and retail. Effectively combining these passions just seemed too daunting.

Corduan received her degree in political science, with a minor in history, from Johnson State. Eventually, she started working on a business plan. Life proved distracting, however, and she would put the plan aside for months at a time. Over the course of about six years, Corduan took courses for women in business and how to write business plans, tinkering with her own plan along the way.

Then came the thunderbolt. "I remember being in a soul-sucking corporate meeting, and I said to myself, I've got to make a change. Either commit or find another dream," she said. Only months later, her business plan was done and she was signing a lease for "the perfect spot" in the corner by the bridge, a space she had been eyeing for some time.

Totally terrified, Corduan opened Bridgeside Books on July 18, 2009.

Since that day, Bridgeside Books has been far more than just a local book shop. Corduan's reading habits have made her an invaluable resource to her customers. Give her a few specifications and parameters, and she'll have just the right books in your arms in no time.

Bridgeside is also all about community. The shop has sponsored, hosted, or supported dozens of events and initiatives for Revitalizing Waterbury, Discover Waterbury, Winterfest, ArtsFest, Wrap It Up & Win, and Waterbury Recreation, among many others. Corduan reads to students at Thatcher Brook and supports

reading programs at the school.

Her "absolute favorite" event has been hosting the Giving Tree every November and December for the Children's Literacy Foundation. Bridgeside has helped donate over two thousand books to the foundation over the years.

For a time, Corduan tried to balance her love of books with her other passion in life: upcycled home goods. She opened a second shop, Bridgeside Home, for a while, but realized, "I couldn't split my head to do both."

While celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the bookstore, the next thunderbolt struck. "What does it look like if I sell the bookstore and I focus on this [home goods] idea?" she wondered. Corduan knew from her experience with Bridgeside Home that this new direction could be successful if she had the time and energy to focus.

Corduan's passion for upcycled home goods is palpable when she describes the process of spending time with a piece to give it a new life, mixing old and new. "I love to find pieces that are vintage where you just need to clean them up and showcase them in a lovely setting. It's recycling as well, so it's a good thing to be doing for all of us," she explained.

With the bookstore now under contract with a new owner,

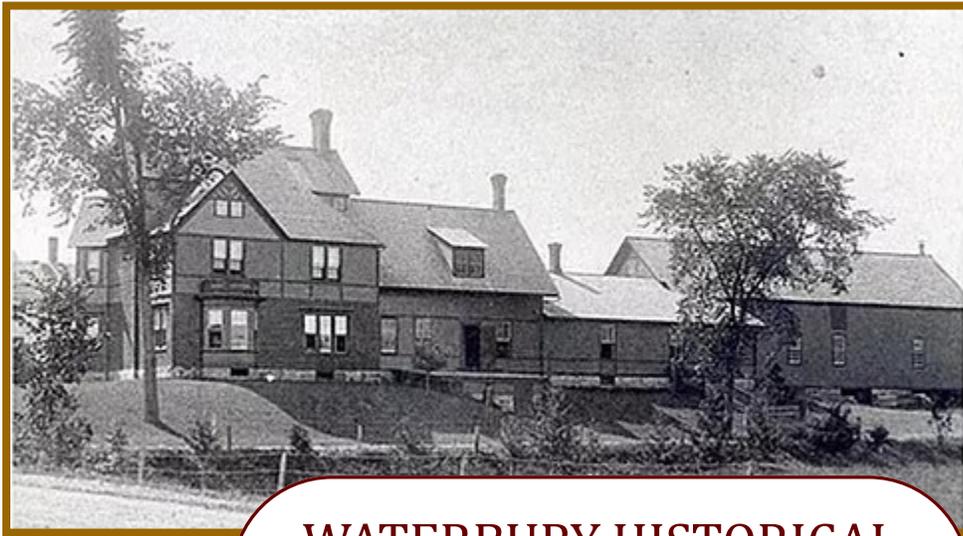
however, Corduan isn't planning on jumping immediately to her next project. It has been a hectic 11 years, she acknowledged, and she'd like to take the transition at a pace that works. When she's ready, the new business will start as a pop-up and online shop, with more permanent brick-and-mortar digs happening down the road.

In the meantime, Corduan admits to being "a bit lazy lately, watching lots of trashy TV" - a rarity for this book-lover. She also loves to be outside, running and hiking especially, and in her kitchen, baking.

Corduan has been a dedicated supporter of the Waterbury Historical Society over the years, and we wish her both rejuvenation and much luck with her next venture. We look forward to her return on the Waterbury small business scene!



Hiata Corduan



WATERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORY CENTER

The History Center is open **Monday—Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Located on the second floor of the Municipal Building in the newly renovated Dr. Janes house, the museum is free and open to the public. The Historical Society's vast collections rotate through the exhibits, which are carefully assembled by our Curator. Stop by and learn something new about Waterbury's place in Vermont and national history!

UPDATE: The History Center is closed until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions.

History Center Acquisition Criteria

Have something to donate to the museum? See if your item(s) meet these criteria:

- *Relevance:* Well-documented link to the town of Waterbury.
- *Non-duplication:* Unique to the existing holdings of the collection.
- *Duration:* Intent is to officially add the item to the collection for the WHS to keep or sell (where proceeds will only go to benefit the Society).
- *Title and Provenance:* Deed of gift or bill of sale should accompany all items.
- *Restrictions:* Items will not be held by the donor to criteria about use, display, or future disposition.
- *Physical condition:* No extensive conservation required.
- *Rights:* Transfer of item(s) includes all pertinent rights (literary, property, copyright, etc.).
- *Costs:* Management and care of item(s) should be financially viable for the Society, or dedicated funds should accompany the donation of the item(s).
- *Tax law compliance:* Gifts must be in compliance with applicable tax law.

**For more information or to begin the donation process, contact:
archivistwhs@gmail.com**



Donations Welcome - We are a community organization that deeply appreciates the support and interest of our community. You can donate online at our website below.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$10 per person

\$15 per family (couple and children under 18)

(Check the mailing label on your newsletter to see when your membership expires.)

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President - Barbara Farr

Vice President - Jim Walton

Secretary - Grace Sweet

Treasurer - Paul Willard

Curator - Jack Carter

Office Assistant - Leeanne Viens

Program Committee - Betty Jones, Josette Metayer, Betsy Ayers Shapiro, Skip Flanders

Outreach Education Committee - Jane Willard, Grace Sweet, Skip Flanders, Margo Sayah

Newsletter Editor & Facebook Community Manager - Cheryl Casey

Webmaster - Paul Willard

Cataloguer - Sandy Hough

Assistant Archivist - Jill Chase

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