



Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting
November 20, 2024, in the Steele Community Room at 4:30 p.m. and via Zoom

Present: Cheryl Casey, Jan Gendreau, Bill Woodruff, Jill Chase, Margaret Moreland, Laura Parette, Joe Camaratta, Skip Flanders, Margo Sayah, Anne Imhoff

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of Oct 19	<p>Corrections: Laura updated minutes at the meeting. Jill moved to accept the corrected minutes and Joe seconded.</p> <p>We started by acknowledging Jan for her last board meeting. She started in 2009.</p>	<p><i>Approved</i></p> <p><i>Thanks Jan.</i></p>
Financials and Membership Report	<p>Financials: October was a slow month for activity. End of October is the close of the 2023/24 annual appeal. Bill moved and Anne seconded to accept the financial report.</p> <p>Membership report: 66 new members in 2023/24.</p> <p>2024/25 Annual Appeal: Mailing sent to 630 (members and new voters). Received 40+ donations to date.</p>	<p><i>Approved</i></p> <p><i>LP to put pdf files on gdrive</i></p>
History Center, Collections and Exhibits	<p>Collections Acquisition Committee: Chugging along. Decisions need to be made on a pile of items.</p> <p>Steele Community Room (SCR) exhibits: Little River exhibit is coming down this month. Katarina and Laura met and set the exhibit schedule for 2025. WHS will be exhibiting July 1-Sept. 22 on Derby and Ball. The selection committee requested that actual items from the collection be exhibited.</p> <p>Collections Manager report: Stacey was ill but submitted a report. Visit the link.</p> <p>Updates</p> <p>Merrill's Auction House: Cheryl spoke with them and they may be interested in some of our items. They take 30% of the gavel price.</p> <p>William F. Maynard carriage step (WFM): Bill and Skip to move forward with having a plaque placed with approval from the owners (Murrays) of the building.</p>	<p><i>Planning for this exhibit to begin in 2025.</i></p> <p><i>The storage unit needs to be visited and photos taken of items for auction.</i></p> <p><i>Bill and Skip to take action.</i></p>

	<p>Research on Cooley Wright family: Cheryl responded to the researcher and scanned items for him. Received a \$50 donation for lots of work 😞</p>	
<p>Events and Programs</p>	<p>Outreach Education: Committee is having a great time partnering with the school. Dec 16-Jan 3 they will have milk bottles to display.</p> <p>2025 WHS program dates: Discussion about the importance of having 2025 program dates for planning purposes, with the understanding that they may shift depending on availability of speakers, etc.</p> <p>Winter program: Brian Lindner is being courted for the January 30, 2025 Lost Ski Areas program. 5 or 5:30pm is proposed as part of Waterbury WinterFest.</p> <p>Jay Craven movie: No report at this time.</p>	<p><i>Committee to draft program dates for next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Cheryl to confirm with Brian.</i></p>
<p>Newsletter and Digital Report</p>	<p>Newsletter: Winter newsletter to be mailed December 8. Reminder to all, when submitting content Laura needs the original photos as attachments, not embedded in a Word doc.</p> <p>Digital reports: No report at this time.</p>	
<p>Ongoing Business</p>	<p>Local business history exhibits: Pro Pig has chosen 6 images to display and Cheryl is working with Axel's. Zachary's would like to exhibit images of the Butler Street neighborhood.</p> <p>Activating Local History Application: Deadline for application was Nov. 15. No additional info at this time.</p> <p>Vermont 250th (in 2026) virtual meetings: Cheryl, Laura and Anne listened in on the Nov. 19 webinar conducted by the state. Grants for planning are available at this stage. Cheryl suggested giving a proposal to the Select Board for planning and organizing. Nation's 250th (2026) and Republic of VT 250th (2027).</p> <p>Brainstorm: Cheryl's dream is to purchase the Butler house and move the History Center there.</p>	<p><i>Laura to create a label to display with exhibits stating: courtesy of WHS archives, QR code to website, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Cheryl to prepare a proposal for the SB.</i></p>

	<p>Cemetery Tours webinar: Very, very good with ideas that can apply to other events as well. Use the link and watch if you can.</p>	
New Business and Announcements	<p>Member Development Committee:</p> <p>Skip presented about Waterbury history at the annual EFUD/Town volunteer breakfast. It was well received.</p> <p>51 South Main Street ground breaking is Dec. 16 at 1pm.</p> <p>Author Robert Duffus' manuscript is available for \$200 at the Country Bookstore in Plainfield. Skip suggested the society have a budget item for acquisitions. Anne made a motion and Joe second to spend up to \$300.</p> <p>Brad Chittick email inquiry: Jill to set up a "Folks w/Waterbury Connections" folder in email.</p>	<p><i>Skip to check out the cost and condition of the manuscript before proceeding.</i></p>
Next meeting	January 15, 2025 at 4:30 in the Steele Community Room.	No December meeting
Meeting Adjourned	6:25pm. Notes respectfully submitted by Laura Parette.	<i>Note: text in blue and underlined are links. Check them out!</i>