

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, October 11 AT 10:00
At Library and on Zoom

GHS Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2022

9:30

At Greensboro Free Library and on zoom

Attending: BJ Gray, Nancy Hill, Lise Armstrong, Jenny Stoner, Paula Harmon, Kyle Gray, Clive Gray, Renee Circosta, Amelia Circosta, Gail Sangree, Willie Smith, Martha Niemi, Fan Watkinson, Debbie Kasper, Leslie Rowell, Jane Hoffman, and Erika Karp

President BJ Gray called the meeting to order at 9:30. (Several attended on Zoom)

History Moment – Nancy Hill gave background on the donation of the Hill collection and decision and implementation to build a museum addition to the GHS building for the collection.

Leslie Rowell gave some background on the Kesselman Collection including a citation of appreciation of the Kesselmans signed by 133 members of the Greensboro community,

President's Report – BJ thanked Jenny and all the contributors on the fine summer newsletter. She mentioned the upcoming events at the Old Stone House (Orleans county Historical society.)

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the June meeting and the August annual meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Lise presented a report showing that we have received \$4852 in donations so far this year and that the Hazen Road Dispatch sales total \$1647 to date. The book sale and Ice Cream social were also successful.

Next month is when the Select board starts work on the town budget. It was moved that we request \$5000 from the town again this year. Renee will draft a request for submission by BJ. In addition she will try again to get an estimate for fixing the foundation for the garage behind the Museum building. It was noted that a new desktop computer since the current operating will not be supported next year and printer/scanner.

Report on summer activities

Gravestone cleaning program organized by the DAR was a big success and the sandwiches made by Lise were greatly appreciated.

Opening Reception – With delicious punch furnished by Martha, the reception was a big success.

Summer Exhibit -The Land Trust was very pleased with our joint exhibit, and especially admired the drone photos of land taken by Kyle. The whole exhibit was very professional. They want us to keep it up with some enhancements for next summer. The Land

Trust contributed \$2000 to the cost of the exhibit and we spent about the same in addition. A full report will be made in October. **It was voted to have an enhanced version to this exhibit for summer 2023.**

History Explorer Walks – The Circostas will remove the Bend signs this week while the signs for the village will stay up until after a September 30 walk for home schoolers. People took lots of the brochures and participated in the scavenger hunt. We want to continue to enhance the walk for next year and upgrade the signs. The Bend trail project wants to include the walk in their work. A drawing was held of those who completed the walks and submitted a filled-out questionnaire, and Fan Watkinson won the \$35 gift certificate at Wilson Farmstand.

Parade – our participation was fine.

Our program on August 8 with Darby Bradley and Bob Klein speaking on “The History of Land Trusts in Vermont” was excellent.

Book Sale – raised \$753 – A big thanks to all who helped both in advance and on the day.

Ice Cream Social – also did very well and was a fine social event. Thanks to Alison and Paula.

Committee reports

Building & Maintenance We received a \$500 grant from the Greensboro Association towards a \$1500 lighting protection program for new shades. Mark Snyder offered to conduct an energy audit for us.

Hazen Road Dispatch – About 300 copies have been sold, which required a second printing (thanks to Alison for arranging that) and 13 copies of the 40th year edition were also sold!! Thanks to Amelia for the beautiful cover for HRD. This is now an income generator for GHS! Gail told about a number of very interesting articles already underway for 2023. With Alison’s help in computer layout and other technical issues, Gail will continue as editor. THANK YOU, GAIL.

It was suggested that we ask in the fall newsletter if anyone has a photo of the early ski tow **at the Gebbie farm.**

Publicity – we need to have an ongoing coordinator of publicity for our events. Renee and Amelia will do this. With help from Kyle for social media outlets,

Acquisitions /Archives Leslie reported on her recent work. She and Willie had written captions for photos from the Hardwick Gazette which have now been typed and the photos are online with identification. A big job accomplished!

Webpage/Facebook – Kyle reported on the many updates he has recently made to the GHS website. He is currently shopping for a new laptop for GHS.

Other business –The booklet, “A History of the Greensboro Bend Railroad Station and the St. J and L.C. Railroad”, written by Jan Travers in 1976 is being updated and will be reprinted. A group, including the Circostas, Alison, and Nancy will meet in October to work on this project.

Martha thanked all for the many generous donations we have received.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10

Respectfully submitted.

Jenny Stoner, secretary

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