

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 14, 2019 Greensboro Free Library

Present: Lise Armstrong, BJ Gray, Clive Gray, Kyle Gray, Paula Harmon, Nancy Hill, Erika Karp, Janet Long, Jenny Stoner, Martha Niemi, Wendy Parrish, Barbara Brooke

History Moment: BJ Gray brought in a sign advertising antiques from the side of Sullivan's barn. She called Rick Sullivan and he graciously donated it to GHS. A discussion of sawmills along Greensboro Brook ensued. The Messier and Demars mills were mentioned.

President's Report: Nancy welcomed back Wendy and Martha. Willie wanted to face time from Japan but our meeting occurs at 1:30 am her time. She will be returning to the states at the end of the week.

It has been one year since the Historical Society purchased a new furnace. Its' one year check up is scheduled for June 6th.

Nancy received another bundle of photos from the period of the early 2000's from the Hardwick Gazette.

Erika reported that Greensboro has been selected as a candidate for the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Visit Program. She passed out informational fliers. This group facilitates identifying and prioritizing needs/goals of the community. They also locate resources to help the accomplish these goals.

Jenny spoke about Craftsbury's experience with this group and the many tangible results including broadband access, landscaping, improving relationships with local schools and the community, road safety and child care.

Nancy reported on excellent progress in the GHS archives. Our files are in good shape. Photos and oversized artifacts have been catalogued, rare books and reference materials have been added to the data base. HRD volumes have been inventoried.

Secretary's Report: Nancy and BJ graciously submitted the Secretary's report in the Secretary's absence at the April meeting. The minor omission of the date of August 10th for the Ice Cream Social was added. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lise presented the Treasurer's report and is still working on the budget vs actual. Clive noted that Vanguard funds are not income. Lise, Janet and Clive will discuss this report.

Lise also noted that the GHS will be reimbursed from the town for the expense of the furnace replacement after the 2019/2020 fiscal year begins, July 1, 2019, as voted on at town meeting.

Summer Exhibit: Sister Gail wrote an article on the summer exhibit for the newsletter. There is the possibility of a follow up talk in August with Dirk Lorenz.

Clive reported that the Green Mountain Monastery will host an open house on Saturday, June 1. There will be a lunch and medieval music; Clive has an agenda of events if anyone is interested in attending.

Summer Volunteers—Martha has volunteers signed up for the summer exhibit. She will contact the volunteers to confirm and will make up a calendar. There will be docent training. Wendy suggested opening up the training session to the community and referring to the docents as “greeters.” BJ will check with the school to coordinate.

Newsletter—The newsletter is nearly ready to go; it is ready for proofing. She circulated three old photos to get the group’s opinion on which two to use in the newsletter. A stuffing party will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, at 1:00 pm at Martha’s house.

HRD: Gail’s husband is ill. Jenny will be visiting her on May 29th.

WEBSITE: Kyle suggested that Jenny’s three photos might be added to the website with the caption, “Who are these people?” His computer recently crashed but his files were backed up. He once again welcomes submissions, photos for the web site and mentioned that he could post and release photos at a future date. He is planning on going to Clive and Nancy’s today to update the web site and calendar.

Bobby Ferlice-Rubio is featured on the front page of the web site. Like the page!

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Exhibit Opening Reception: Sunday, June 30, 3 - 5 pm at GHS Building - Martha
Ice Cream Social and Book Sale: Saturday, August 10

Book Sale 10 - 4 at Lyles Garage (Patty & Jean will sort books)

Ice Cream Social 2 - 4 on GHS lawn

Annual Meeting: Monday, August 5, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall

Bobby Ferlice-Rubio “Lifestyles of Early Vermonters” Part 2

NOTE: Wendy noted that posters would be needed at both sites, Janet’s garage and GHS on day of book sale and ice cream social.

Paula will get ice cream for the social

Other: The Bayley-Hazen walk is scheduled for Sunday, July 28th. The route will be from the cemetery to the four corners. Margie Prevost has offered refreshments.

Regarding Hinman road, Nancy will look into getting a Vermont State marker. Gail, Clive and Nancy have written test for this sign. She would like to have a committee for this project, getting permission to install a sign from the property owner of the ballfield. Erika volunteered to help with this. Wendy will contact the state. After the meeting this group will visit the proposed site.

Martha and Erika will be the nominating committee for the annual meeting.

At the April meeting Nancy told the group that she has completed a written history of the Greensboro Nursing Home. She is looking for some help with her out of pocket expenses from the Pleasants Fund to defray the cost of proof reading and layout of the manuscript.

Erika moved that GHS write a grant to the Pleasants Fund asking for the sum of \$1000.00. The motion was seconded and passed. Nancy is hoping that the Nursing Home and GHS will sell copies of this book.

There will be a clean up session at the GHS on Tuesday, June 11th at 10:00 am followed by the June meeting, at 12:30 pm at GHS.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 12:30 at GHS. Bring a lunch.

Barbara Brooke
May 22, 2019