

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, February 11, 2020 Greensboro Free Library

Present: Clive Gray, Paula Harmon, Nancy Hill, BJ Gray, Lynette Courtney, Janet Long, Willie Smith, Jenny Stoner, Barbara Brooke

President's Comments: There were no President's comments.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Clive reviewed the Treasurer's report in Lise's absence. There were questions raised but the group decided to reserve them until the Treasurer was in attendance. The report was accepted.

Newsletter: Jenny reported that the newsletter was sent out in December. She said that the hardest part was gathering the information for articles but noted that it seems to come together easily.

Archiving and Acquisitions: Willie reported that Leslie is currently working on a procedures manual and search guide. BJ suggested placing some of the museum's acquisitions in the front window. There was mention of a toboggan currently residing upstairs at the museum.

Building Update: The GHS building is in need of an exterior inspection. Nancy has a manual addressing this process and Kyle Gray's name was mentioned as a possible candidate to perform this inspection. An inspection could be performed once some of the snow melts.

An estimate for the cost of refinishing the flooring in the front room of the museum was submitted to the Select Board. This cost could change due to the condition of the boards.

General Discussion: Who is in charge of the GHS gift shop? Nancy suggested replenishing missing publications for example View from the Big Rock. There was a suggestion for a printed price sheet for docents.

The ensuing discussion included a variety of ideas: sale of gift cards, sale of framed historical post cards/photos of the Greensboro area, a spring sale of heirloom plants, selling little stuffed toy cows which would tie in nicely with the upcoming summer exhibit.

Lynette and BJ said they would work on the gift shop.

Nancy talked about being contacted by Steve Perkins, the director of the Vermont Historical Society regarding a TV commercial that would appear on Channel 22, WPTZ.

There were many ideas for a historical moment in Greensboro: the monument, the Block house, Shawn Hill (Hill Farmstead) said he'd love to be involved, the idea being Hill Farmstead before the brewery. Jenny said she'd work on a write up for the newsletter.

Nancy gave a status update on the Hinman road sign. The Greensboro Select Board waived the \$200 fee for the Development Review Board. Both land owners have given their ok for the sign. The next step will be a public hearing with the DRB.

Summer Program: Janet and Ray Shatney of Greenfield Highland Beef will be a primary part of the summer exhibit at GHS in 2020. They wanted to know the date of the ice cream social in August because they could bring a live specimen for the event. It was decided that the first Saturday in August, the 1st, would be the day of the social and book sale.

Barbara checked with Cabot regarding cow images and was told to check out their web site and let them know what we might be interested in using. The next step after identifying images would be to ask the marketing department for their help.

Winter Meeting: Nancy distributed posters for the upcoming winter meeting From Parlor to the Polling Place, with Linda Radtke. This event will take place on Sunday, March 1, at 2:00 pm at the Greensboro United Church. Nancy will do a write up for the Gazette on the upcoming program.

Summer Meeting: Willie reported that Paul Bierman never answered her regarding a possible presentation on the changing landscape of VT as the subject for the meeting. Lynette said she would email him. The date for this meeting will be the 1st Monday in August, on the 3rd. She suggested checking out the UVM digital archive of images of 200 years of the changing Vermont landscapes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: To Be Announced