

**NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 9:30  
Greensboro Free Library**

GHS Board Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2021  
9:30  
Fellowship Hall

**Attending:** BJ Gray, Nancy Hill, Willie Smith, Lise Armstrong, Jenny Stoner, Martha Niemi, Paula Harmon, Kyle Gray, Clive Gray, Erika Karp, Amelia Circosta, Leo Circosta, Renee Circosta, Nan Perron and Larry Lumsden

Vice-President BJ Gray called the meeting to order at 9:35. Clive Gray presented a history moment on the naming and status of Barr Hill. Larry Lumsden talked of his family's farm nearby and showed many artifacts which he has found there and is now presenting to GHS.

**President Report:** BJ started with a thank you to Willie Smith and Nancy Hill for their 10 years as co-presidents, presenting each with a gift of a plant. Jenny Stoner read a tribute to them and the many accomplishments of GHS under their leadership.

Nancy Hill reported that Allison Gardner sent a letter resigning as president because she feels the position is not a good fit for her skills and vision. Her resignation was accepted. BJ gave a big thank you to Allison and highlighted the many contributions she has made to GHS this last year.

**Nominating Committee – Jenny Stoner presented the nomination of BJ Gray as president, This was seconded and voted. She then presented the name of Erika Karp for vice-president. This was seconded and voted.**

**Treasurer Report:** Lise had sent out the report. We have had many generous donations, two successful book sales and significant income from *Hazen Road Dispatch*.

Renee offered to research grants for any special projects we hope to do.

**It was moved, seconded and voted to increase compensation for our archivist and video expert. The details will be formulated and sent to trustees for an email vote within 2 weeks.**

**Committee reports**

**Building & Maintenance –** The town paid for painting of the exterior of the building this summer. Some tables need replacing which can be done and we want to explore using Energy Vermont's window insulation program. Anna Keeler is the contact person for window inserts. We continue to monitor humidity and air quality.

**Acquisitions –** We have been given two railroad ties from Greensboro Bend which Amelia and Leo offered to put into our barn. Amelia has been working with Leslie on digitizing the Kesselman collection, which includes a letter from Wallace Stegner.

**Summer Exhibit** – Nancy reported the Highland Cattle exhibit was a great success, especially the cow at the Ice Cream Social. BJ put together children's work sheets and Leo & Amelia did a great interactive game on cows.

**Hinman road sign dedication** had over 50 attendees. Glover has a successful grant request for making the Hinman road into a trail and we have agreed to send a letter of support.

**Exhibit 2022** – will be Land Conservation in Greensboro mostly put together by Greensboro Land Trust and the VT Nature Conservancy. Volunteer to work on this are: BJ Gray, Clive Gray, Willy, Leo Amelia and Nancy.

**Membership Committee** – met in May. One idea for increasing membership is for each person who is present to invite 2 others to the next meeting. BJ did and one of them came.

**Newsletter** – following discussion it was agreed to continue 2 newsletters a year. Jenny had a list of articles needed and various people volunteered. Our goal is to mail it about November 30 which means the articles need to be **emailed to Jenny by November 12.**

#### **Other business**

- It was voted to name Paula's dog Elliot as the GHS mascot.
- Request for volunteers to help sort books the last Monday of the month 11-12:30 in Lyles garage.
- Docent report – Martha reported that the docent scheduling went very well. She thought there was a smaller number of visitors than some years.
- Plans for next year – We need a coordinator for publicity. BJ will take charge with help from Renee Circosta
- It was decided that we do not need to purchase a new tent for the book sale at this time for we have some to use.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, November 9 9:30-11:30 at the Greensboro Free Library

Respectfully submitted.

Jenny Stone, secretary