

**NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, June 13 at 10:00 AM
At GHS and on Zoom**

GHS Board Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023
10:00 AM
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Attending – BJ Gray, Lise Armstrong, Paula Harmon, Kyle Gray, Renée Circosta, Alison Gardner, Willie Smith, Debbie Kasper, Erika Karp, Clive Gray, Leslie Rowell, Martha Niemi and Jenny Stoner.

President BJ Gray called the meeting to order at 10:00.

History Moment – Martha talked about her job sending thank you notes to all our donors over the years and how much she enjoys the continuing support of so many. Next month we will hear from Allison and Gail on the history of the *Hazen Road Dispatch*.

President's Report – BJ spoke of an increased appreciation of history she just gained from the book *Dictionary of Lost Words*. She has planned a culling of book sale books at Janet's garage on **Monday, May 29 at 11 AM. (Note change of date)** at Janet's garage at to which all are invited. There was a reminder of the League of Local Historical Societies and Museums conference at VHS in Barre on May 19, encouraging additional people to go. Last, BJ pointed out we need to appoint a nominating committee for two trustees and officers. Jenny will get the ball rolling on this process, and she also notes that she would like someone to take over the duties of secretary.

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report – Lise presented a written report which was approved as submitted. She is going to keep track of in-kind donations and expenses that volunteers contribute, so keep track of the stamps and other purchases you make for GHS and let Lise know so we have a better idea of our actual expenses. Please provide receipts for your purchases whenever possible. Allison observed that donations seem comparably strong this year and that it seems worth it to send the newsletter twice a year despite the associated cost.

Annual Meeting Program – Alison and Renée reported that the topic is Geology of Greensboro with Dr. Benjamin DeJong and Jim Stevens as speakers at our meeting July 24. They are still seeking additional speakers and, after interviewing the candidates, they will have a fuller description of the planned program for the newsletter

Newsletter – Jenny reminded all that the deadline for articles is May 12. The goal is to have it sent to the printers before Memorial Day and mailed out in early June. We will mail local ones by bulk mail again and out of town by first class so they can be forwarded if folks are already in Greensboro. Contribution envelopes will be in all. In a future newsletter we may want to

consider thanking certain consistent donors, providing a list of donors, or otherwise making some type of “thank you” statement.

There was a review of the summer schedule:

Museum Hours – Tues, Wed., and Thurs. 10:30-2:30 plus Sat. 10:00-12:00

Opening reception – Sunday, July 2, 3:00-5:00

Annual Meeting and program – Monday, July 24 at 7:00 PM

Book Sale – Saturday, July 29, 10:00-4:00
Ice Cream Social – Saturday, July 29, 2:00-4:00

Amelia will create some relevant “save the date” signs for the bulletin board at GHS.

Committees

Building & Maintenance – On June 6 at 10 AM volunteers are needed to help clean up the GHS building in preparation of setting up the summer exhibit. Lise has started work on a disaster plan and the security company came to check on our system. There is an updated medical kit in the kitchen area. Kyle changed the light bulbs in the front exhibit space and it is much nicer and brighter now.

Acquisitions/Archives BJ indicated we need an Acquisitions Committee. It was voted to establish one and Leslie, Willie, Nancy, and BJ were appointed.

We have submitted a Vermont Cultural Facilities grant application for UV protection shades and film for the permanent exhibit space. We expect to hear in August if we got the grant. We have \$500 from Greensboro Association and the project will require about another \$1,100. It was suggested that we could approach the Pleasants Fun for additional support. Gordon’s Windows in Burlington has provided a quote of about \$3,000 for the project.

The Wi-Fi is now much faster and the new computer and printer/scanner/copier also makes a big difference in the archives.

Leslie gave an extensive report on the work she has been doing including the Cultural Facilities Grant, fielding requests for archival research, and processing acquisitions.

Summer Exhibit – The joint committee (Land Trust/GHS) is working on updating the exhibit. Docent training will be scheduled in June. Alison will update the docent handbook. Paula is getting the docents and will run the training. Alison and Kyle are going to spearhead an effort to highlight products that are grown or produced on conserved land. Alison will work with Amelia on appropriate captions and signage. This display may end up in the new display case from Willey’s. Alison or Kyle will provide an appropriate update on the summer exhibit for the newsletter.

Greensboro Bend Revitalization: Railroad book – The updates to the railroad booklet are going very well, with many new resources identified. The book will be substantially longer than first envisioned.

Website – The new computer and printer are much appreciated. Kyle continues to update our website. He is looking into purchasing a camcorder and proper lighting for the interview project. The camcorder could cost around \$1,500 used.

Hazen Road Dispatch Alison reported for Gail that some of the articles are already at the printer's. Allison is helping with editing and will coordinate with Amelia on the cover design. They hope to have the publication available in mid-June.

Other Business

Greensboro Association grants are available and we should apply for an additional \$500 for publishing the railroad booklet, given that there is so much more information and photos available than initially envisioned. We could also request funds for the camcorder and towards the UV protection blinds. Alison will take on this project.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Stoner, secretary

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