

Fair Haven Historical Society  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, March 20, 2023

Present: Victoria Angis, Carol Crawley, Ceil Hunt, Judy Sheldon, Janis Kelleher, Ann Ellis, Lorraine Brown and Walter Sperr

Victoria called the meeting to order at 1:10PM in the Conference Room of the Town Building.

Ceil read the minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Judy moved to accept the minutes as read and Carol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Carol gave the Treasurer's Report.

Community Bank     \$11,511.41 (9 cents interest)

Marble Post Acct     \$4,827.50

CD                     \$5,004.39

Total revenue for the month was \$90 and expenses totaled \$139.99. The cost of printing the newsletter was increased because we had an extra page and it had to be stapled. We also purchased a label maker. Ceil moved to accept the report as given. Judy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There has been no response from the VT Historical Society on insurance coverage recommendations.

Lorraine and Janis will check on the table made from Town Building wood after mud season.

According to the Doodle Poll, April 5, 2023 seems to be the best date for our visit with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Ceil will contact Peter Patten. We will meet on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1PM to go upstairs and look at the displays we want to take with us.

Planning Commission update- they are still working on ordinances and bylaw updates.

Ceil reported that the sampler donated to us by Ann Webb was picked up for display at the Shelburne Museum. It will be displayed the weekend of April 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ceil will send the flyer out to everyone.

Walter sent our 252 article. Ceil will contact Bill Canfield to see if he can check out the display on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the State House. Ceil will ask him to take a photo if our report is on display.

Victoria's contact doesn't have a camera for taking photos of the park renovation. Ceil will contact John Laramie and if he can't do it we can ask Francis Owen to do it on his visits home.

Scott has taken down the old Facebook page. We have had some interest in Fair Haven history, maybe 60-80 people. We will see if we can link a form to join the Society to the FB page.

Joe Gunter has put in writing that the Society can use the space across the hall from our office for the display on the history of the Town Building. Joe also has some maps that he would like displayed in that area.

We will be renting a larger space at Spring Fling. The price has gone up to \$40.

We discussed items for sale. Lorraine moved we order adjustable hats with Fair Haven , VT and our charter date (1779) on them. Janis seconded. Motion carried. Lorraine will call Awesome Graphics and Victoria will contact Initial Ideas for prices. We want to sell them at Spring Fling on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Ghost Tour/Cemetery Walk

We discussed the date again and decided on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Stephen Fish (red house fame) is buried there and Lorraine volunteered Walter to serve as his ghost as Walter has a wealth of knowledge on the history of the Red House. Lorraine mentioned that the cemetery clean up happens in the spring and we may want to help and check out the other graves that might be of interest for the Walk.

#### Slate Tour

We have lots of copies of the slate tour and we may want to hand them out at Spring Fling as a Self-Tour. We can ask for a donation of \$1 and throw in one of the cards with the slate roofs on them.

Ceil, Dee, and Lorraine are working on the photo project. Ceil has contacted the VHS for guidance and has not heard from them. We do not want to start on the project until we get some guidance. Dani has recommended we purchase an iPad for taking the photos as it takes great photos. We will investigate cost of iPads.

Victoria described Fair Haven's new website. We may want to add our calendar of events at the site. We also want to add our purpose and mission. Walter will rework the mission statement for the website. We also want to link a membership form to the site. Janis mentioned that we should state our purpose and mission as caretakers of our community's history.

Janis has visited other historical societies and wants to know if she should bring in things she gets from the societies. Everyone agreed that yes, it is great to see what others are doing.

Ceil moved to adjourn at 2:22PM and Carol seconded.