

Johnson Historical Society Minutes for 10 May 2017

Present: Duncan Hastings, Jane Marshall, Frank Dodge, Tom Carney, Dean West, Linda Jones, Alice Whiting, Lois Frey. Guests: Barbara Dodge, Aggie West.

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

Following review of the agenda there were four additions: update Marvin Awards, web domain name renewal, Brookfield Elementary School request for Lamoille County information, and work day schedule discussion.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the 12 April 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Carney reported a balance of \$21,436.27. As requested previously, Rosemary has added a budget number for Tuesday Night Live income and expenses.

Budget Report: Tom and Duncan have clarified some of the budget numbers with the results showing about \$300 left for telephone and \$329 for buildings and grounds.

Administrative items:

\*New member in process: The Town Administrator has posted on Front Porch Forum that the Historical Society is looking for a new member, who will be appointed by the Selectboard. Dick Simays has indicated an interest in serving. He has assisted the JHS Trustees by learning the hosting responsibilities and then serving as Host at the Holcomb House as well as helping with work projects. He has attended several programs and a board meeting so is aware of the varied tasks required by the Trustees to operate the facility. All agreed he would be a very good addition to the Board if he applies for the position.

\*June 2017 Open House Host Schedule: June 1, Dick Simays; June 4, Linda Jones; June 8, Tom Carney; June 11, Lois Frey; June 15, Linda Jones; June 18, Lois Frey; June 22, Alice Whiting; June 25, Ed Raymond & Lynn Sibley, June 29, Lois Frey.

\*Update Insurance Policy: Jane Marshall has talked to Mark and Eddie at the Buggy Man and they will appraise the JHS collection. Because there is a requirement to have a certified art appraiser for the Society's paintings, it was decided to look into what options exist. Linda has checked the Duane Merrill webpage to find he charges \$125 per hour including time in transit one way. Duncan volunteered to contact the Vermont Historical Society and Linda the Bryan Gallery. Alice will speak with Sally Laughlin. Dean and Linda will talk with Brian Story with information about an Inland Marine rider. It was decided that clarification is needed about the requirements from JSC for a long-term art loan. Before accepting any art JHS will need an agreement that spells out insurance requirements and any other conditions.

\*Flag Box acquisition: **It was moved, seconded, and approved to authorize Tom to purchase a flag box (for the Clyde Burns flag) from Miles Kimball at a cost not to exceed \$42.**

\* C.H. Stearns Painting Restoration: In process.

\*Bread Oven: Dean reported that Brian Story planned to meet with Dean and Linda to assess the location of the proposed bread oven at the Legion Field. No date has been set yet.

The result of discussion is that the JHS has concerns about the bread oven location. The size and site for the project may interfere with the set up at Tuesday Night Live and specifically with the

Historical Society's location. The Board would like to suggest an open public process with other stakeholders like the Recreation Committee, Tuesday Night Live Committee, and the Conservation Commission be held before another structure is added to Legion Field.

### Building Committee Report

- \*Update on Security: No progress since last month. Duncan volunteered to follow-up.
- \*Front yard repair: Dean and Tom met with Brian Story and Brian Krause to address the driveway and eaves problems. There are several options that could help resolve the water problems. The fix will be a work in progress.

### Program/Projects

- \*Train Talk by Steve Leach: It was a very informative presentation with about 35 folks attending. The tape of the talk came out very well.
- \*Art Raffle: Tickets are being sold for the Eric Tobin painting at \$10 each. Linda has distributed packets of tickets to all JHS Trustees and members of the Building Fund Committee. Lois prepared a flyer, which folks can use to send to potential ticket buyers and has sent a press release to the News and Citizen.
- \*Ruth Mould Paintings: Finalizing the long-term loan of art work is in process.
- \*Review for Tuesday Night Live: Lois shared the list of 2017 TNL performers.
- \* Johnson/JSC documentary: No progress to report.
- \*JHS role with naming roads: Following discussion of the role of the JHS when town roads are being named, it was decided that the Board needed clarification from the Select Board about their expectations. Letter to be prepared.
- \*Jim Marvin Award Update: Duncan reported that working with Brian Story, he was able to submit a proposal nominating the Holcomb House project for the 2017 award.

### Acquisitions

- \*Kate Tobey, via Jeanne Engels at the Library donated 21 photos of the 1995 flood.
- \*Sid and Marian Nichols donated a variety of tools and other items.
- \*Norm Larow donated a picture of a ST J & LC Railroad train wreck.
- \*Bill Perkins donated a CD of the Congregational Church fire.
- \*Sid and Marian Nichols donated a collection of pictures.
- \*Greta Ingalls donated photos from the Christy School.
- \*Alan Beard donated a 1934 receipt for dynamite purchased from Eastern Magnesium Talc Company by H. F. Beard.
- \*Barbara Backus donated a photo of the Johnson Train Station.
- \*Listers appraisal sheets for the Hopkins Farm were received from Sid and Marian Nichols.
- \*Linda Jones donated 4 paintings by Terry Utley produced in the 1993 & 1995.
- \*Dean West donated a school light fixture.
- \*Tom Carney donated a permit for permission for Roger Jones to wire the Catholic Church dated July 19, 1974.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.  
Next meeting will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Holcomb House.

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary