

Johnson Historical Society Minutes for 14 June 2017

Present: Duncan Hastings, Tom Carney, Dean West, Linda Jones, Alice Whiting, Lois Frey.
Regrets: Jane Marshall & Frank Dodge. Guest: Dick Simays.

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the 10 May 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Carney reported a balance of \$19,802.30.

Budget Report:

*Tom reported personally purchasing supplies totaling \$101, receipt of the electrical bill from Keith at \$141 and the monthly charge from the Sheriff's Department for \$15.

It was moved, seconded and approved to a pay these three bills.

Administrative items:

*Linda shared the contents of a certified letter from Monaghan Safar Ducham PLLC notifying the JHS of the termination of the R.L.Valley, Inc. d/b/a C.H. Stearns Mini Storage unit lease by September 14, 2017. Unit must be vacated and cleaned prior to September 15, 2017.

*New member in process: Dick Simays has applied to the Selectboard for appointment to the Historical Society. The Selectboard meets on June 19th and the JHS Trustees anticipate the appointment at that time.

*July 2017 Open House Host Schedule: July 2, Duncan Hastings; July 6, Tom Carney; July 9, Dean West; July 13, Alice Whiting; July 16, Linda Jones; July 20, Linda Jones; July 23, Lois Frey; July 27, Lois Frey; and July 30, Ed Raymond & Lynn Sibley.

*Update Insurance Policy: Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to ask Duane Merrill to provide a certified appraisal of the Society's art collection, including the art which will be on loan from Johnson State College collection, at a cost not to exceed \$1,200 with any balance being used for appraisal of other items in the collection.**

Also, before accepting any art JHS will need an agreement that spells out insurance requirements and any other conditions. A document will be developed to use when art is loaned to the Society that states *the owner is responsible for their insurance coverage and our insurance coverage is part of the town plan.*

*Flag Box acquisition: Tom reported that the flag box was purchased and now houses the Clyde Burns flag.

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

*JHS Webpage: Lois Frey reported that the domain fee for our webpage will be due in August. She will explore what is required and consider options if needed.

Building Committee Report

*Update on Security: The security system is now linked to the Sheriff's Office. Duncan Hastings will follow-up with Safetek to get clarification on the bill. *Following discussion about the payment to Safetek, **it was moved, seconded, and approved for Tom to review the final statement with Duncan and if deemed accurate to process the payment.**

*Front yard repair: In process.

*Lighting fixture follow-up: Dean will contact Charles Flaum for lighting options.

Program/Projects

*Art Raffle: Tickets are being sold for the Eric Tobin painting at \$10 each. This project will be on-going until October 15, 2017.

*Ruth Mould Paintings: Finalizing the long-term loan of art work is in process. Alice Whiting will follow-up with Sharon Scott at Johnson State College.

*Review for Tuesday Night Live: Dean West will provide the trailer. The grill, tents, tables, and gas will be retrieved from the mini storage area. McKenzie Country Classics has donated 50 pounds of hotdogs, which Lois will pick up the week of June 26th. Tom has a spare refrigerator which he volunteered to move to the Holcomb House storage area to handle the TNL hotdogs and other items requiring cold storage. Tom will solicit help from his volunteer helpers.

* Johnson/JSC documentary: No word from Vince to report. Linda has heard from Eric that the walking tour app is almost ready.

*JHS role with naming roads: Linda has sent a note to Eric Osgood requesting clarification of the Selectboard expectations.

*Dean has had inquiries asking the availability of copies of the JHS sponsored programs. Tom has copied all of them to flash drives. It was decided that viewing the material at the Holcomb House would be the most appropriate option for now using the older laptop computer.

*There was a discussion about the Holcomb House and the relationship now and in the future between the town governance and the historical society. More to follow in the future.

Acquisitions

*Wendy Parker donated a Times Argus article about the last graduating class from Johnson High School.

*John Manley donated the buttons and decorations for the Clyde Burn's uniform. He also offered the Society a hutch for storage. Because the hutch has no connection to Johnson it was agreed to decline the gift with thanks to John for the offer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting July 12th at 9 AM.

Meeting notes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary