

Johnson Historical Society Special Meeting
Strategic Planning

3 October 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Holcomb House

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

Linda called the meeting to order at 10 AM with a review of the agenda. Discussion for upcoming JHS sale was added.

Harvest Festival: Linda shared an email from Olivia Carter at NVU proposing an old fashioned Harvest Festival with participation from community organizations on Saturday, October 27 at the Legion Field. Following discussion Dean volunteered to put together an activity using some of his vintage equipment which may include a 1935 engine that pumps water, a machine that shells corn, and more. Once Linda confirms that the festival is scheduled, Dean will make final plans and request assistance from JHS Trustees.

Follow-up from previous actions:

*Weathervane at Lowe Lecture Hall: Following **discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to have Duncan coordinate with the Selectboard and Dean to coordinate with Gary Clark at the Vermont Studio Center to set a plan of action to relocate the historically significant weathervane.**

*Mill wheels: Dean shared the story of the mill wheels removal from the Talc Mill to their present location which is land presently owned by the Nadeau family. Dean will follow-up with them to seek permission to move the wheels to the Holcomb House.

*Honorary membership: Dean reported he has drafted criteria to be considered at the next JHS Trustee meeting. He will send his draft to members for review before the meeting.

*Volunteer recruitment: Linda reported that volunteers Luciana and Tyler Swenson are working on the first JHS newsletter. Duncan reported that Kelly Vandorn is working on accessioning. A second volunteer from NVU is expected to meet with the accessioning team soon.

*Accessioning: Linda reminded all present that completed intake forms are critical to the accessioning process. Any items dropped-off at the Holcomb House must be recorded on the form (stored on the desk) by the person on duty. It was noted that the criteria for items to be added to the JHS collection needs to be prepared, reviewed, and shared (perhaps in the newsletter.)

*Holcomb House Use and Sale Agreement: Any decision on a use and sale agreement has stalled until discussions by Dean and Duncan with Eric Osgood and Doug Molde can be held. Duncan will coordinate to make that happen. For a future strategic planning meeting two questions that will need to be addressed are

- 1) What would it mean for JHS to own the building?
- 2) Does JHS want to assume that responsibility?

Alice noted that the Building Fund Committee is working on a sale to begin soon thus the many non-historic items set on tables in the West Room.

Next meeting will be set once information is received following discussion with the Selectboard committee re: use and sale agreement.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary