

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting
11 November 2015 - 9 AM at the Dr. Holcomb House

Present: Linda Jones, Dean West, Jane Marshall, Alice Whiting, Frank Dodge, Tom Carney (10:30 AM), & Lois Frey. Regrets: Jessyca West, Howard Romero. Guests: Aggie West & David Grozinsky (Planning Commission.)

Linda Jones called the meeting to order followed by a review of the agenda with no changes.

Form-based code: Dave Grozinsky explained the Planning Commission's position on form-based code as a way to manage changes and/or growth specifically in the village. Handout is included with the minutes. Adoption of form-based code will be a vote of the town.

Secretary's Report: **It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of October 14, 2015 as printed.**

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Budget Report: Dean West shared a spreadsheet with a breakdown of utilities for the Dr. Holcomb House, which suggested a 15% share for the Historical Society to pay annually costs. The cost to JHS is \$1,497, which may be adjusted in future years. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to pay the town \$1,497 (if approved by the Select Board on 11.16.2015) to cover utilities through June 30, 2016.**

Building Committee Report: Frank Dodge and Dean have gathered some information for a security system. **Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to purchase and install a motion light on the west side of the house.** Dean will follow-up. It was suggested that Mike Palagonia at Johnson State College would be an excellent resource to help lay out a security system. Alice Whiting will contact him to establish his willingness to help and to set up an appointment for Frank and Dean.

Fundraising Report: Plans were discussed for a Preview Open House for JHS members on November 29th from 2 to 4 PM. The annual membership letter for 2016 will be prepared for mailing in December.

Acquisitions: The Johnson Historical society has recently received items with historic value from Marguerite Stewart, Eugene Childer, Dorothy Patch, Dean West, Alice Whiting, Kenneth Neill, Midge Parkhurst, and the Municipal Office.

A copy machine was donated by the Lamoille Valley Insurance Company.

Also Aggie West has prepared two albums recognizing 50 years of marriage with pictures and a write-up for each couple which Aggie has been collecting. Additions are welcome.

Found: the original Johnson Historical Society banner.

Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to authorize Tom Carney to ask Wayne Longe to tune-up the donated copy machine and pay him for his services.**

Programs/Project Follow-up

Historical Society Webpage-work with Krystal Goff at 3W Promotions is on-going.

Quilt Raffle continues with members planning to participate at the Lamoille Union Craft Show on November 14th and the Bishop Marshall Show on December 5th. Raffle tickets are available at local stores and from JHS members.

The Johnson Jubilee is scheduled for December 4th. Dr. Holcomb House will be open from 3 PM to 7 PM; although the set-up at the house is a work in progress.

Linda Jones announced that the 2016 VT History Expo will be June 18 & 19, 2016 with a theme of the Power of Water.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 9 AM.

Minutes recorded by Lois M. Frey, Secretary

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