

## Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting on 14 September 2016 at 9 AM

Present: Linda Jones, Jane Marshall, Alice Whiting, Tom Carney, Dean West, & Duncan Hastings.  
Regrets: Frank Dodge & Lois Frey. Absent: Jessyca West. Guests: Aggie West, Brian Story, John Dennis & Melanie Dennis.

Linda called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

A review of the agenda called for the addition of two items: 1) alarm, 2) TNL receipts, & **3) weathervane on old Town Hall.**

The minutes of 13 July 2016 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported a balance of \$20,847.22.

Budget Report: The detailed budget report prepared by Rosemary was reviewed.

### Administrative Items:

\*Having chaired the TNL Food Project since its beginning, Aggie announced she will no longer serve in that capacity; although she will continue to make pies and help the team.

\*Following discussion of the inadequacy of the JHS computers, **it was moved, seconded and approved to allocate up to \$2,500 for a new system.** Duncan suggested working with Larry Jenson, who is the technician for the town's computer system and offered to work with him for a recommendation. Brian Story offered to assist if he could.

\*Status of Select Board member appointment to JHS Board of Trustees. Duncan has been doing a great job so hopefully the Select Board will continue his appointment. Brian will follow-up.

\*The October Holcomb House schedule was completed.

### Building Committee:

\*The measurements for the front steps project have been done and the project should be completed before winter unless the sewer repair work interferes.

\*The storage room has been completely reorganized with shelves built on the interior wall. Thanks to Dean and Tom for their leadership and the host of volunteers they drafted for the project. Need to give credit to the volunteers.

\*The drainage eave under the porch roof by the entrance door needs to be fixed. Brian will follow-up as this is a town responsibility.

\*Linda reported that the alarm system will sound off if codes are not entered correctly. Be sure to listen as you punch-in each digit. If the system does reject your entry and starts wailing, re-enter your number.

### Fundraising:

\*Alice reported the 2017 membership letter will be prepared and distributed in November.

\*The Capital Campaign will kick-off on Sunday, October 16, 2016 from 2 to 4 PM. The pie chart will be ready by that time.

### Programs & Programs:

\*Philip Thompson will give a presentation about East Johnson on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Holcomb House. It was suggested that the program be taped. No volunteers.

\*John Dennis will present *Child's Christmas in Wales* on December 11, 2016 at 2 PM at the Holcomb House.

\*JHS members are working with Amy Boyce-Sharp and Johnson State College on a documentary as part of Senator Bill Doyle's class.

### Acquisitions:

\*Frank and Barb Dodge donated tiny little shoes and two irons.

\*Bruce & Mary Beard donated a yard stick from H. P. Beard's Hardware Store.

\*Mike Dunham donated Jack Mitchell's military uniforms and accouterments including his canteen.

\*The Morrisville Historical Society donated a bound set of the *Johnson Messenger* from the 1920's.

### Future Planning:

\*The Society needs to purchase white gloves for handling delicate documents.

\*A magnifying glass is needed.

\*Duncan discussed the weathervane on the old Town Hall. He stated that when the property was sold to the VSC the town retained ownership of the weathervane and the war monuments. The monuments have been moved but not the weathervane. He suggested that the weathervane was of historic importance and should be removed to preserve it. Duncan feels it would make a good display and suggested the Historical Society discuss this with the Selectboard with the goal of becoming the custodian of the weathervane as a display item. There was general consensus that this was a good idea, but a concern expressed that the weathervane should be replaced if the original is removed. There was a strong preference for a replica of the original. It was decided to get on the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting and discuss the concept with them. Historical Society agreed to offer assistance to the Selectboard to discuss the removal with the VSC. Duncan offered to attend the Selectboard meeting. Brian Story will place the item on the agenda.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be October 12, 2016 at 9 AM

Minutes recorded by Jane Marshall, Recording Secretary Pro-Temps