

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
July 9, 2014 at the Dr. Holcomb House at 9 AM

Present: Linda Jones, Alice Whiting, Dean West, Jane Marshall, Tom Carney, & Lois Frey. Regrets: Frank Dodge. Absent: Jessyca West, Howard Romero. Guest: Aggie West, Jollie Parker

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from June 11, 2014 as printed.

Treasurer Tom Carney reported a balance of \$10,166.16 as of 7/9/2014. **It was moved seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.**

*Tom reported that as approved at the previous meeting, he closed-out the CD at the Union Band and deposited the money with Rosemary Audibert at the Municipal Building.

*Following a telephone poll of the majority of Board members, Tom Carney was authorized to purchase a camcorder for \$177.99. To complete our process, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to officially endorse the reimbursement to Tom.**

Acquisitions

*Linda Jones reported that Gary Smith, formerly of Johnson has donated his photography equipment, which once belonged to Wayland Mills to the Historical Society. Items include camera, crank, and a leather case with Wayland Mills inscribed on it. Gary also sent pieces of stained glass from the United Church after the fire, stipulating that he would like to have it used by the Historical Society. Linda will send a thank you note.

*Dean West reported that he has a box of old records from the Lamoille View Cemetery Association, some from their safe deposit box. Bernard Sheltra donated the materials and also authorized the Society dispose of items that are not useful to the history of Johnson.

*Bob Sweetser gave Dean a new American flag for use at the Dr. Holcomb House.

Building Committee Report

Dean West reported the sad news that our Project Manager for the renovation project unexpectedly passed away of July 6, 2014. The Committee is looking for a new project manager. They are considering breaking the

project into smaller pieces, which can be considered on a time and materials basis. Roof considerations are in process now. The Committee is unable to estimate an opening date for the building at this time.

*Lois Frey suggested that the Society might benefit from applying for a grant to do the handicapped accessible bathroom and entry way. She will check-in with Ryan Walsh at the Vermont Studio Center to see if he has any ideas.

Fundraising

Tuesday Night Live opened on July 8th with nice weather and a good crowd. Aggie West reported that she had 20 pies donated plus salads and rolls. Ellis O'Hear will donate a box of McKenzie hotdogs for July 15th. She is purchasing the hotdogs from the Sterling Market, keeping business local. Lois Frey reported that the evening food sales brought-in \$539.50 and the Dr. Holcomb House donation jar received \$46. Following a discussion of expenses incurred, **it was moved, seconded and approved to authorize the payment of \$31.79 to Aggie West for purchase of a four-foot table, \$23.34 to Linda Jones for purchase of six cases of water, and \$12 to Tom Carney for purchase of sales/deposit books.**

*Lois Frey also reported that Howard Romero asked her to express his appreciation to the Historical Society members for their \$500 donation to the gazebo fund following the 2013 Tuesday Night Live season.

Building Fund Committee

With the official authorization of the Johnson Historical Society Inc. in June 2014, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to transfer the responsibilities of the Building Fund Committee to the recently approved Johnson Historical Society, Inc., a 501 (C)(3) organization.**

Open Meeting Law Implementation

*Lois Frey reminded members that the new Open Meeting Law requires the posting of any municipal meeting on-line and on two public display boards by 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Items for future agendas should be sent to her by the Friday morning before the scheduled Wednesday meeting. Minutes will be posted on line within five days of the meeting.

*Linda Jones reported that Steve Messier at Green Mountain Cable Access Television contacted her about recording the Society's meetings. Based on the condition of the building with noise and potential work in process, they decided it would be better to wait until the Society's space is more settled.

Update Johnson Historical Society, Inc.

*Linda Jones reported that Jo Ann Benford will serve as Treasurer for the new organization. She has completed the IRS 990 form and will follow-up.

*With the new organization handling a significant portion of the fundraising responsibility of Johnson Historical Society, **it was moved, seconded and approved to change the Society's meeting schedule to every other month beginning in August.** Subsequent regular meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of October, December, February, April, and June at 9 AM at the Dr. Holcomb House.

*Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to adopt the revised mission requested previously by the Building Fund Committee, which states, *The mission of the Johnson Historical Society is to preserve our history by weaving stories of the past with the present, using our collections of artifacts and displays, creating a legacy for future generations.***

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, August 13th at the Dr. Holcomb House at 9 AM.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary