

Johnson Historical Society Minutes for 12 July 2017

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.
Following review of the agenda there were no additions.

Linda welcomed Dick Simays to the Johnson Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the 14 June 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: No report as the computers at the Municipal Building were not working.

Budget Report: No report.

Administrative items:

*Open House Host Schedule, August 2017:

August 03-Tom Carney	August 06-Dean West
August 10-Dick Simays	August 13-Linda Jones
August 17-Dick Simays	August 20-Lois Frey
August 24-Linda Jones	August 27-Ed Raymond & Lynn Sibley
August 31-Lois Frey	

*Update Insurance Policy: Ethan Merrill will appraise all the art and other components of the JHS collection on July 19th at 10:30 AM. Jane Marshall will advise Mark and Eddie at the Buggy Man that there services will not be needed at this time.

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

*JHS Webpage – no information has been received to date.

Building Committee Report

*Front yard repair: The fix is a work in progress.

*Lighting fixture follow-up: Dean's contact was not able to address the overhead lighting project; however he has some options for lighting above the map. In progress.

Program/Projects

*October 15, 2017 Program Ideas: Howard Coffin is offering a new program on the Civil War, which he offered to deliver in Johnson in the Fall if arrangements could be made. Lois checked the Vermont Council on Humanities website and has a few questions to ask before pursuing this program, which would most likely require the Lowe Lecture Hall. More to follow.

*Art Raffle: Tickets are being sold for the Eric Tobin painting at \$10 each.

*Ruth Mould Paintings: Finalizing the long-term loan of art work is in process and will be completed after the art appraisal on July 19th.

*Review for Tuesday Night Live: With two weeks of sunny weather, the JHS food sales are going well. Our volunteers are doing a wonderful job from making the tasty treats to helping with the serving the food, as well as the set-up and take-down of the equipment needed each week.

* Johnson/JSC documentary: Vince expects to have the product by the end of 2017. Eric Kurk
*JHS role with naming roads: Following discussion of the role of the JHS when town roads are being named, it was decided that the Board needed clarification from the Select Board about their expectations. Letter to be prepared.

*Jim Marvin Award Update: Duncan reported that working with Brian Story, he was able to submit a proposal nominating the Holcomb House project for the 2017 award.

Acquisitions

*Kate Tobey, via Jeanne Engels at the Library donated 21 photos of the 1995 flood.

*Sid and Marian Nichols donated a variety of tools and other items.

*Norm Larow donated a picture of a ST J & LC Railroad train wreck.

*Bill Perkins donated a CD of the Congregational Church fire.

*Sid and Marian Nichols donated a collection of pictures.

*Greta Ingalls donated photos from the Christy School.

*Alan Beard donated a 1934 receipt for dynamite purchased from Eastern Magnesium Talc Company by H. F. Beard.

*Barbara Backus donated a photo of the Johnson Train Station.

*Listers appraisal sheets for the Hopkins Farm were received from Sid and Marian Nichols.

*Linda Jones donated 4 paintings by Terry Utley produced in the 1993 & 1995.

*Dean West donated a school light fixture.

*Tom Carney donated a permit for permission for Roger Jones to wire the Catholic Church dated July 19, 1974.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on June 14th at 9 AM at the Holcomb House.

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary