

Johnson Historical Society Special Meeting  
28 February 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holcomb House

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

Linda called the special meeting to order with a review of the agenda. One item was added: Carriage House cement project.

Cement Project: Linda reported that Phil Morin, the JHS cement contractor stopped by to say he had time available to pour the cement in the next few weeks and could offer a better price than the original quote. Following discussion, those present decided to check with Brian Story to see if funds were available to move forward at this time. Linda will follow-up.

Insurance options related to the Society's Art Collection: The appraisal of the Historical Society's collection by Duane Merrill & Company has been received. Following review of the document there were two items to address 1) insurance coverage for the JHS collection and 2) options for proceeding with the proposed Ruth Mould art loan from Johnson State College.

- 1) Following review of the appraisal of the JHS possessions, it was found to be within the range of the insurance coverage the Society has through the town. No action needed at this time.
- 2) Having reviewed the assessment for the 17 paintings at Johnson State College (JSC) which in the future may be loaned to the Historical Society and prior to the JHS meeting, Dean contacted Lamoille Valley Insurance who stated their best advice was to check with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to ask them about an inland marine policy.

Following discussion of various options that would be agreeable to the Historical Society, it was agreed that Dean, Duncan, and Alice would make an appointment with Elaine Collins, President of JSC to ascertain the status of the college loaning art to the Historical Society.

It was also suggested that VLCT should be asked about their availability of insurance for on-loan art and if they offer an appropriate policy to get a statement from them to share with Johnson State College.

In the absence of the treasurer, the question arose about the annual cost of the JHS insurance on the contents of the Holcomb House. Tom will be asked to check on that figure for the next meeting which will be held on March 14, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Meeting notes by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary