

Johnson Historical Society Special Meeting  
Strategic Planning

22 August 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Holcomb House

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

Linda called the meeting to order at 10 AM with a review of the agenda. No additions were added with the clarification that 1) the newsletter and 2) the tally of hours from work dates for Dean were follow-up actions from the previous meeting.

Newsletter:

\*Linda reported that the notices requesting volunteers to help with a newsletter resulted in two potential helpers: 1) Luciana Swenson and her son Tyler and 2) Phyllis Bailey Lockwood. It was decided to request both meet with a subcommittee (Jane, Linda, Lois) the first week of September. Linda will follow-up.

\*Aggie distributed newsletters from Concord VT Historical Society to generate ideas for the format and topic areas for the newsletter. Discussion generated topic ideas including: A Peak Inside the Museum, Donated Items, Thank Yous, Readers Corner, A Few Updates, Brief History, Have you visited?, Volunteer Opportunities, People Profiles, Coming Events.

The first issue to coincide with the membership letter will be published in November and serve as the Winter Issue. A subsequent newsletter will be the Summer Issue. The long-term goal is to publish quarterly.

Dick showed Linda where on the office computer newsletter templates can be found.

Tally of Work Hours:

\*Dean reported he does not have dates for the early work in 2014; however you can check with him for subsequent dates.

Where are we now?

\*For overall JHS planning the question was asked: What needs to be done now? The results:

- 1) Follow-up needed with the Vermont Studio Center regarding the weather-vane atop the Lowe Lecture Hall.
- 2) The weather-vane presently stored out back needs to be moved to a site where Duncan can tackle the blacksmith work required. Brian Krause had planned to move it but did not.
- 3) Status of the mill wheels needs to be checked with Larry McCuin.
- 4) A number of items need to be moved from the main Holcomb House to the Carriage Room.
- 5) Tom reported that Steve Engel delivered a chair from the Johnson Woolen Mill which is presently in the Carriage Room.
- 6) Dean shared that Amy Thompson never misses listening to a Red Sox baseball game and wondered how she might be recognized at Fenway Park. It was suggested the Red Sox website might have appropriate information. Also Ken Squires (WDEV) or Roland Lajoie (WLVB) might know the process needed.

7) Following discussion about creating an honorary JHS membership category, it was noted that criteria needs to be developed to establish the new category.

8) Tom mentioned that JHS will need a new tent for Tuesday Night Live next year. He volunteered to look into the brand used by the TNL team as it has a very sturdy frame, which the ones that we presently use do not.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be at 9 AM on September 12th.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary