

Johnson Historical Society Meeting  
12 July 2023 at 9 AM at the Holcomb House

Present: Dick Simays, Linda Jones, Alice Whiting, Kelly Vandorn, Dennis Richards, and Lois Frey. Regrets: Leslie Martin & Mary Jean Smith. Guests: Dean West, Tom Carney.

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9 AM. There was one addition to the agenda, a request from Bill Perkins.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the 14 June 2023 minutes as corrected and printed.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** With the Municipal Offices closed due to the storm, Kelly Vandorn did not have a budget report. She shared expenditures during the month which included \$365 for Tuesday Night Live and office supplies. She reported deposits of \$47 from a book sale (\$20) and the tip jar (\$27) and \$65 from Alice Whiting's JHS (2 renewals and one new) memberships.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

\*Holcomb House hosting schedule: Closed for the summer except by appointment.

\*Facebook: Linda Jones reported next Facebook page posting anticipated for mid-August.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

\*Building, Grounds, & Facility Development: No changes.

\*Collections and Program Development: The Accession Committee has completed 2,000 entries, many with multiple items. They will return to their work in the Fall and tackle the Carriage Room at that time.

\*Revenue Development: After learning that the Tuesday Night Live Committee will be raffling a Johnson Woolen Mill blanket each week, the Revenue Committee decided to delay the start of the raffle. Alice has requested and received a basket of goodies from the Butternut Mountain Farm for the second prize. More to follow.

\*Membership: Alice Whiting reported two renewals and one new membership.

Second-floor Occupancy Committee: No change to report.

Tuesday Night Live: Everything is in place for the weekly concerts. McKenzie Country Classics donated 8 boxes of hot dogs. Bakers and other volunteers are ready to go just as soon as the weather permits.

Rail Trail Event: The rail trail event has been cancelled statewide due to the storm damage, which for Johnson is significant in the area of Dog Head Falls.

Weathervane signage: Following discussion, **it was moved seconded and approved to advise Rosemary Audibert and the Selectboard that the Historical Society will pay the bill for the weathervane plaque estimated at \$135.** Kelly will follow-up.

#### ACQUISITIONS:

\*Linda Jones shared a copy of *Vermont Magazine*, which contains significant portions of the article, *The Donut Man*, which was written by Mary Peet with JHS pictures provided by Linda Jones. For the record, Mary requested permission to use the photographs before she entered the contest.

\*Greta Ingalls donated a Riddle Brothers letter dated 1.28.1899, and other ephemera dated 2.19.1876.

\*Bill Perkins donated three United Church cards with one envelope.

\* John Manley donated three photos of the 1963 Baseball Champions.

#### Other business

Bill Perkins asked if a plaque could be placed on the Mail, Baggage, & Freight railroad cart with the acknowledgement that it was donated by the Grover Perkins family. All agreed with the suggestion and added that the cart be dated as well. Linda and Lois will work out the details with Bill.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Lois Frey, Filling-in for the Recording Secretary