

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
9 August 2023 at 9 AM at the Holcomb House

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

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the 12 July 2023 minutes as corrected and printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

*Holcomb House hosting schedule: Linda Jones volunteered to host on September 10, 2023. Also, the Education Program on September 24, 2023 will be *Shopping in Johnson in the 1950s and 1960s* by Dean West and Bobby West.

*Social Media - Facebook: Linda Jones reported next Facebook posting anticipated for late August.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Building, Grounds, & Facility Development: Tom Carney reported he has contacted Interim Town Administrator, Carl Rogers about the security system and the JHS request to be included in the town's system. Carl has a list of folks to meet with and JHS is on that list. The flood damage at the Municipal Building is extensive so business is moving slowly.

*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: Lois Frey reported that the revenue from TNL is \$795 (7.25) and \$834 (8.1) for a total of \$1,629 to date. The 2023 JHS budget is now expected to be short based on the three TNL cancellations to date. It was noted that following the loss of all TNL income in 2020 due to Covid, the potential total loss in 2023 is concerning.

*Membership: Alice Whiting reported no change.

Baggage Cart signage: Linda Jones has researched and prepared information to date the cart. The date of the depot is 1887. Grover Perkins title was Section Crew. The plan is to use a photograph as well as Linda's narrative to be located on the cart. Linda will coordinate.

Second-floor Occupancy Committee: Tom Carney's report above indicates Carl Rogers is aware that the Historical Society is looking to coordinate with the town.

Weathervane signage: Duncan Hastings has reported that the signage is ready. The status of the Municipal Building will determine when a dedication can be scheduled. It was decided to let Duncan know the plaque can be stored at the Holcomb House until it is time to use it.

ACQUISITIONS:

*Linda Jones shared a framed photograph of the Waterman Bridge taken by Bertram Mills and donated to JHS by Ronnie Emery.

*Lois Frey shared a 1966 Janus Yearbook mailed to JHS from Megan McGory-Gleason from the Sterling Historical Society in Connecticut. (Lois sent a thank you note.)

*Eric Osgood delivered a record album by John Nutting, which included the song about Red Hooper and the jacker. (Lois sent a thank you e-card.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned before 10:00 AM.

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