

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
10 April 2024 at 9AM
Holcomb House

Present: Dick Simays, Alice Whiting, Kelly Vandorn, Mary Jean Smith, Linda Jones, Mike Dunham, & Lois Frey. Guests: Tom Carney, Dean West.

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Following review of the agenda Dick requested to report a board member resignation. He reported that Dennis Richards resigned following the last meeting. All agreed that Dennis was a valued member of the Trustees, and his service was appreciated. He will be welcomed back any time should he chose to return. Dick will notify the Town Administrator and Selectboard requesting a search for two Trustees.

Secretary's Report: It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from 13 March 2024 as printed. Mike Dunham (attending his first meeting since his appointment) abstained. With the resignation of the Secretary, Lois Frey agreed to take the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Vandorn reported a balance of \$30,483.51 with all the outstanding bills paid to date. When the final bill for the upstairs improvement project is ready, Mary Jean will give a copy to Kelly to review and bring to the next Trustee meeting for Board approval before Kelly sends it to the Selectboard for payment.

Administrative Items:

*Holcomb House hosting schedule 2024:

Friday, 12 April from 9 am to noon	Kelly Vandorn	
Sunday, 28 April from 1 to 3:00 pm	Mary Jean Smith	(Program at 2 PM)
Friday, 10 May from 9 am to noon	Mike Dunham	
Sunday, 19 May from 1 to 3 pm	Lois Frey	(Program at 2 PM)
Friday, 14 June from 9 am to noon	Dick Simays	

*Social Media: Linda Jones reported she plans to do a Facebook during the week of April 15th. She also plans to send the next newsletter to Luciana during the first week of May.

Nominating Committee for Officers: Since all the officers volunteered to serve again next year And no one else wanted a position, it was decided to forego having a Nominating Committee and present the present slate for election at the May 2024 meeting as required by the By Laws.

Standing Committee Reports

*Buildings, Grounds, and Facility Development: Tom Carney reported that he and Dean West plan to check-on the JHS trailer presently stored in the Westman's Barn. They both hope the upstairs floors will be sanded soon to preserve the floorboards.

*Collections & Program Development

Collections: Accessioning and creating displays work continues on Monday mornings from 9 am to noon.

Program Development:

A narrated slide-show about the Nadeau Sand and Gravel Company is planned for April 28th. Plans are underway for a 2024 version of Johnson's Antique Road Show on May 19th.

*Revenue Development: No report.

*Membership: Alice Whiting reported several new multi-year and one life membership received. Donations to the General Fund were higher than previous years.

Second Floor Occupancy Committee Report: Mary Jean Smith mentioned the need to repair the front door, suggesting replacing the damaged panel would be a good solution. Lois Frey suggested that perhaps Duncan Hastings, who has been doing some repair work while serving on the Accessioning Committee, might be able to cut an appropriate door panel. It was also noted that casing on the front door needs to be replaced.

Acquisitions:

Mary Jean Smith brought two pieces of yarn art and one oil painting by Georgia Balch, which were donated by sisters, Amy Shultz, Pam Jaspersohn, and Betsy Langer.

Lois Frey brought a Town of Johnson School District embosser found by Rosemary Audibert during the after-flood clean-up in the Municipal Building.

Lois also shared two books donated by Duncan Hastings: *Vermont in the World War 1917-1919* and *Adjutant Generals 1894*.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 8 May 2024 at 9 AM.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary