

Johnson Historical Society Meeting  
13 November 2024 at 9AM  
Holcomb House

Present: Dick Simays, Kelly Vandorn, Linda Jones, Mike Dunham, Alice Whiting, Lois Frey.  
Regrets: Mary Jean Smith. Guests: Tom Carney.  
Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Following review of the agenda no items were added.

Secretary's Report: **It was moved, seconded, and approved with several corrections to accept the minutes from October 9, 2024.**

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Vandorn reported that the Town Expense/Revenue sheet for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 has not been released yet by Rosemary Audibert.

Administrative Items:

\*Holcomb House hosting schedule 2024: December 7, 2024 from 4 to 6 pm is the Johnson Jubilee. No other dates are scheduled for December 2024. Holcomb House will be opened by appointment. The 2025 schedule will be established at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

\*Social Media: Linda Jones reported that a new Facebook posting is ready to go. She also has started work on the next newsletter.

Discuss and approve budget: Following discussion **it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the proposed FY 26 budget, which was prepared by Dick Simays, Kelly Vandorn, and Dean West and send it to the Selectboard as requested.** Document attached with minutes.

Review Selectboard questionnaire: Following discussion, Dick Simays agreed to incorporate some of the suggestions offered to his proposed response to the Selectboard questionnaire and send it the Selectboard for their information packet for their November 18, 2024 meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

\*Buildings, Grounds, and Facility Development: Following-up on the proposed washing of the Holcomb House exterior, it was decided that it should be cleaned if a contractor is available at this time or make a commitment to one for first thing in the Spring. Dick Simays will respond to Tom Galinat. Kelly Vandorn has the name of a potential contractor and will follow-up. A future project to re-side the building with updated material should be added to the JHS Wish List for possible grant funding.

\*Collections & Program Development: The Program Committee will wrap-up 2024 with an Open House as part of the Johnson Jubilee on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 4 to 6 pm. Jacob Vandorn has lined up a musical group, who plan to sing sets of holiday music at 4:15 pm, 4:45 pm, 5:15 pm and 5:45 pm. Kelly Vandorn has arranged for Christmas Carolers outfits from the Lamoille County Players. The Holcomb House will be decorated with new window candles and the Christmas tree, and hot cider and cookies will be served. Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to expend not more than \$200 for the proposed decorations.**

Lois Frey suggested that the Accessioning Committee resume its work one morning a month. The proposed date to return to action is December 2, 2024 at 9 AM.

\*Revenue Development: No news to report.

\*Membership: Alice Whiting reported that she has started to prepare the annual membership letter which will go out in early December.

Acquisitions:

Linda Jones reported that she has received a packet of genealogy information from Michele Pagan, which supports the JHS's sampler made by MaryAnn Burnham in 1823.

Acquisitions continued:

Janet Sheltra has donated a picture of the Riverside School with all the students identified.

Bobbie Rooney has donated a Masonic lambskin apron from the Waterman Lodge.

Greta Ingalls donated an *Alphabet Book* plus four other books from the Cristi School.

Alice Whiting donated a Sterling Market shopping bag.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*Next Meeting:* Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 9 AM at the Holcomb House.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary