

**Pawlett Historical Society, Monthly Trustees Meeting
December 14, 2017
Pawlet Library**

Present: Barry Meinerth, Rose Smith, Steve Williams, John Malcolm, Sarah Rath, Theresa Jones, Ken Major, Martha Schoenemann. Also, Fred Stone.

Minutes of Trustee Monthly Meeting November 9, 2017 approved on motion by Sarah and 2nd by Rose with a correction of the Nominating committee also including Barry.

Treasurer's Report: approved on motion of Sarah and 2nd by Theresa. Rose reported the IRS Form 990 was filed and accepted and the prior years' fiscal years date were corrected. Rose also is continuing to research a credit card for PHS

Facilities: The meeting with Myron Waite of the Cemetery Association at the Chapel with Steve, Barry, Sarah, and Rose on November 11, 2017 was discussed. Myron expressed the Association's interest in keeping the large room available, although PHS exhibits on the walls could remain. The basement is also available for PHS storage.

Barry reported on these items: he will ask Bob Morlino about researching storm windows for the Chapel; the slate plaque for the Braintree school will be installed by Greg Colm sometime; the VTel fiber optic was connected to the North Pawlet school; and parts for the shelving acquired from the Fly Fishing Museum were looked into.

Collections: Sarah and Martha reported that they are continuing to organize the collection, have taken additional items to the Chapel and are planning the next steps. There also was discussion about protecting PHS ownership of our photographs through a watermark or logo imprint such as Manchester Historical Society does as Martha reported. Elizabeth Gibson was mentioned as a resource on this issue

Newsletter: Articles for the next Newsletter were discussed, including bios of new trustees, a message from the President of PHS, an article from Ken Major, announcement of next event May 1 (Linda Radtke), and a segment on a specific item of the collection.

Historic Marker: The Selectboard approved the wording for the marker and now a location on the Town Green needs to be selected and any zoning permit acquired, if necessary.

Raffle: Barry will contact Ray Finan to see if he is willing to do another piece of furniture for this year.

Farm Project: Fred Stone encouraged the PHS to document Pawlet's agricultural history before many of the individuals are no longer available to pass on that important part of Pawlet's history. Fred is offering substantial donations to the PHS in this and the next year to assist in this task. Much favorable discussion was provoked about people who could contribute and the scope of the project and the skills and equipment necessary for the task. John offered to get

things started and a motion was made by Sarah and 2nd by Rose and approved to initiate this project.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2018, Pawlet Library, 7 PM

Submitted by John Malcolm, PHS Secretary