

**Pawlett Historical Society, Monthly Trustees Meeting**  
**January 11, 2018**  
**Pawlet Library**

**Present:** Barry Meinerth, Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, Judy Coolidge, John Malcolm, Theresa Jones, Ken Major, Steve Williams. Also Sarah Ludlam

Minutes of December 14, 2017 Monthly Meeting were approved by motion of Ken and 2nd by Steve with correction that PHS prior fiscal years' dates still needs correcting with IRS.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved on motion by Sarah Rath, and 2nd by Judy Coolidge. It was noted that response to the appeal/membership letter has been very good and totalling over \$6000 so far.

**Membership:** One new one this month

**Collections:** Sarah Rath reported work is continuing on various areas including photos, negatives, and getting acquainted with areas that still need attention. Judy Coolidge brought in some photos of the North Pawlet School from Betty Kelley Daly and Sarah drew attention to an article in Seven Days newspaper about Vermont's small but busy Historical Societies role in preserving town's legacies. Rose asked if in the future the PHS should acquire a "positive" scanner for photographs.

**Facilities:** Barry said Greg Colm continues to be interested in installing the slate plaque on the Braintree school, sometime. It was noted some difficulty in keeping propane available through Haskins for the North Pawlet school. The Mullens have snow plowed there and Waite's Excavation has plowed at the Chapel for Blue Flame gas delivery there. A spring clean up/inventory of the North Pawlet shed contents was discussed

**Town Hall Historic Marker:** The narrative has been approved but the location and any permits still needs to be determined. John offered to work on that task.

**Events:** A new date for the Linda Radtke event is now May 1 at the Town Hall. Steve suggested we unveil the Marker at the same time, if it is complete. Other ideas for future events were discussed. Several trustees were planning to attend the February 1 opening at the VT Folklife Center in Middlebury of the Rappaport's display of the Griswold House.

**Newsletter:** Topics could include a President's Report, new Trustees' bios, an article by Ken Major, and an article on an interesting item from the collection

**Fundraising:** It was noted the raffle brought in over \$2500 and many thanks to all who manned the table over the summer and fall, especially Steve and Barbara O'Connor. Barry will contact Ray Finan to see if he continues to be available to donate a furniture piece. and other venues for ticket sales were discussed. Also Bingo dates are not yet known.

Farm Project and Oral Histories: There was discussion about John's proposed options for the Farm Project, and a committee scheduled a meeting. Other people that may be able to contribute were included in the discussion.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday February 8, 2018 Pawlet Library, 7 pm

Submitted by John Malcolm, PHS Secretary