

**Pawlett Historical Society
Trustee Monthly Meeting
July 12, 2018
Chriss Monroe Chapel**

Present: Barry Meinerth, Rose Smith, Keith Mason, Marlee Mason, Andy Mahurin, Matt Proft, Judy Coolidge, Susan Hosley, John Malcolm, Sarah Rath, Theresa Jones, Ken Major, Martha Schoenemann

Minutes of Trustee Monthly Meeting of June 14, 2018: approved on motion by Rose and 2nd by Judy

Treasurer's Report:

- Accepted by motion of Sarah and 2nd by Keith
- Rose reported payment of \$150 to Greg Colm for installing the slate plaque on the front of the Braintree School
- Motion by Martha and 2nd by Keith was approved to place the \$6,520 raised through last fall's PHS appeal letter and dedicated to the Pawlet Town Hall auditorium ceiling project in a interest bearing certificate if the timetable for its use is longer than 6 months. (The Town was awarded a grant of \$8,500 from the VT Division for Historic Preservation in March, and the required equal match is composed of the PHS appeal letter result and the remaining from other Town funds. The delay is caused by health issues of the ceiling plaster restorer. In a separate part of the Pawlet Town Hall project, funded by Town maintenance funds, insulated window shades have been fabricated and will soon be installed in the auditorium.)

Newsletter: Sarah reported that Elizabeth Gibson has again offered to format and send the Newsletter to Express Copy to be ready by early August. Articles needed soon include intro bits and photos of our new Trustees, a preview of Ken Major's talk on August 16, an article about Sarah's visit to 2nd grade of Mettawee School, a note of the Braintree School open house and the ice cream social at the Chapel. It was also agreed to not include membership renewal return envelope in the newsletter

Collection:

- The effort to match Ella Clark negatives to postcards in the collection was partially successful since some of the postcards were yet to be catalogued and many still in family collection of Bill Jones and some without Ella Clark's stamping
- Martha offered several options for the future: create a landscape set from the photos, create stationery cards from the set, create a pamphlet or book from the photos, create replica postcards for PHS sale, and make enlargements such as 8x10" for sale
- Cleaning and inventory sheds at both brick schoolhouses rescheduled to Sat July 21, 2018

Farm Project: Nothing to report, may try to meet during clean out 7-21, or at least prior to next Trustee meeting.

Facilities:

- plaque installed at Braintree School
- Steve Williams will discuss storm windows for the Chapel with Bob Morlino
- Rose reported the Braintree school ceiling is showing some staining. Greg Colm suggested he could lay plastic to identify the source of the leak such as a loose ridge cap, estimated to cost \$250. It was also suggested to contact local slate person Jeff Kelley in North Pawlet, Susan offered to contact Jeff.
- Andy and Judy will work on a slate plaque for the Susanne Rappaport Chapel Archive Room

Raffle: Dorset Farmers' market staffing schedule was mostly filled for next several weeks and also thought to present some PHS merchandise to sell in addition to raffle tickets

Town Hall Marker: Keth will contact DigSafe to check the location and with John get a post hole digger for the hole

Other Business:

- Andy suggested the PHS initiate a cleaning project of veteran's gravestones in our cemeteries, that could also be a project for Eagle Scout candidates, 4-H, and school groups also
- John will respond to letters from Wellman of Rupert Mtn Rd, Rupert, and from Robinson from Arizona

Motion to Adjourn by Theresa

Future Events:

July 21 Sat Clean up Sheds and host Visit by Crown Point Road Assoc 8 and 11.10 am

Aug 16 Thursday at Chapel at 7pm Ken Major speaks on Colonial Border Wars in New England, NY

Sept 9 Sun 2-4pm at Chapel PHS Ice Cream Social and Exhibit

Oct 7 Sun Braintree Open House

Oct 18 Amanda Austin0, "VT versus Hollywood" Town Hall, 7pm

Next Trustees Meeting: Thursday, August 9, 2018, 7 pm, Chriss Monroe Chapel

Submitted by PHS Secretary John Malcolm