

**Pawlett Historical Society
Trustee Monthly Meeting
Draft Minutes December 13, 2018
Pawlet Library**

Members Present: Barry Meinerth, Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, Ken Major, Steve Williams, Matt Proft, Theresa Jones, Judy Coolidge, John Malcolm, Martha Schoenemann, Andy Mahurin

Others Present: Fred Stone, Mary Lou Willits, Tom Atkins

Pawlet Library Presentation: Prior to the Trustee Meeting, Mary Lou Willits, Pawlet Library Director, with help from Tom Atkins, led a discussion with the Trustees concerning a Strategic Plan for the Pawlet Library. Topics such as aspirations, challenges, and new conditions for the Town of Pawlet and organizations within the Pawlet/West Pawlet community were discussed.

Minutes of Trustee Monthly Meeting and PHS Annual Meeting November 8, 2018: Both were approved on motion of Rose and by 2nd of Theresa

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Rose and accepted on a motion of Judy and 2nd by Sarah. There was discussion and review of our financial investments and strategies. We also thanked Judy for writing thank-you notes to appeal letter donors.

Farm Project: Fred Stone encouraged the PHS to continue the farm project and highlighted Robert Young's description of his family's farm transitions in the 1950's. Fred also suggested PHS acquire aerial photos of area farms; copies may be available through the photographic service or from farmers themselves. The Board also thanked Fred for his very generous continuing support of the project. The project committee of Barry, Ken, Sarah, and John will meet after the holidays, contact Brian Leach, and plan for the project's future. John will contact the student who may have a parallel project and help with some overlapping goals

Collections: Photos of the stoves at North Pawlet will be taken when better weather allows. We also discussed a query from Callie Raspuzzi about road signs at the junction of RT 30 and River Road at Butternut Bend and alcohol sales in Pawlet, Granville, and Wells after 1902 law allowing local communities to determine their "wet, damp or dry" status.

Facilities: Thanks to Barry and Bob Morlino for organizing the installation of new storm windows and winterizing the bathroom at the Chapel

Up Home: Matt continues to contact with the VT Folklife Center to plan the needs of the display, hours of viewing and staffing and training

Additional items:

- Bennington Radio station WBTN AM 1370 would like to do an interview/profile of PHS and promote our schedule of events
- Axel and Naneen Neubohn of Suncrest Rd in Rupert were thanked for their donation to the PHS. In a letter to the Society through John as Secretary they proposed a project of updating the map of the lot holders of the Pawlet cemetery on Cemetery Hill and

offered to start a fund to support the effort. Barry has spoken to them in response and John offered to call the Cemetery Supt Myron Waite to discuss this and call others that may be interested in working on it.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Sarah and 2nd by Theresa.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2019, 7 PM, Pawlet Public Library

Submitted by PHS Secretary John Malcolm