

**Pawlett Historical Society  
Minutes, Trustee Monthly Meeting  
September 12, 2019  
Pawlet Library**

**Present:** Barry Meinerth, Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, Judy Coolidge, Theresa Jones, John Malcolm, Martha Schoenemann, Susan Hosley, Steve Williams

**Guests:** Hallie Boyce

Barry started the meeting with a Thank You to everyone, especially Abby Mahurin, for their work to make the recent Braintree School Open House a very successful event.

**Guests:** Martha introduced Hallie Boyce who works at Consider Bardwell Farm and is proposing a Historic Marker recognizing local entrepreneur and cheesemaker Consider Stebbins Bardwell of West Pawlet. The marker would be placed at the present Consider Bardwell Farm now owned by Angela Miller and Russell Glover. Hallie reported support for the sign by local legislator Rep Robin Chesnut-Tangerman along with some suggestions for the wording. Discussion about the wording from the PHS Board also were voiced as well as strong support. It was advised the next step is to take the proposition to the Pawlet Selectboard.

**Minutes of Monthly Trustees Meeting:** Approved by motion of Sarah and 2nd by Judy

**Treasurers Report:** Rose reported some postcard purchases for the collection and some income from memberships. Report was approved by motion of Martha and by 2nd of Sarah. Rose also discussed the budget with the Board and possible funds for Rappaport prints, new collection shelving and supplies, and possible need for funds for snowplowing at the North Pawlet Schoolhouse and Chapel, and new window curtains for the Chapel meeting room. After uncomfortable heat during the Up Home exhibit this summer, the Board requests the Town of Pawlet install air conditioning in the upstairs of the Town Hall prior to subsequent PHS donations towards the renovation.

**Facilities:** It was reported that the new back doors at the Chapel are quickly deteriorating and it was suggested to have Bob Morlino look at them.

**Collection Committee:** Martha and Judy reported about the cataloging of Pawlet's 250th Birthday items

**Membership:** Judy will present an update next month

**Farm Project:** Sarah reported that she and Barry and John had a productive meeting with Thaddeus Gibson and he has agreed to hire on and continue the oral history interviews this fall and also help us discuss possible future presentations of the work along with other PHS assets, such as the Sixth Grade essays.

**Newsletter and Website:** Susan and Elizabeth Gibson continue with the transition and will meet soon.

**Appeal Letter:** November 2 Saturday 9am at the Library was chosen as the letter stuffing day. Barry will compose the letter with a focus of the appeal on the Town Hall renovations, old cemetery stone restoration and upkeep PHS expanding collection. Judy will work with Julie Mach to do the address label update.

**Nominating Committee:** will need to meet prior to PHS Annual Meeting Nov 14 to submit possible names for Vice President, Curator, and Trustee.

**Next Events:**

- Thursday October 17th 7 pm Town Hall, Howard Coffin, "Vermont Women and the Civil War"
- Thursday November 14th 7pm PHS Annual and Monthly Trustee Meeting, Pawlet Library

**NEXT TRUSTEE MONTHLY MEETING:** Thursday OCTOBER 10, 2019 7 pm Library

Submitted by John Malcolm, PHS Secretary