

Pawlett Historical Society
Trustee Meeting
Minutes 1/14/2021
via ZOOM

Present: Barry Meinerth, Judy Coolidge, Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, Steve Williams, John Malcolm, Martha Schoenemann, Sue Hosley, Theresa Jones, Marlee Mason, Keith Mason and Oliver the dog, Ashley Maynes

Minutes of Annual Meeting 11/12/2020 - 12/3/2020 Approved by motion of Keith and 2nd by Rose

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Treasurer's Report

Rose reported the shelving ordered for the Chapel and for the North Pawlet School cost less than expected, the PHS tax returns have been filed, and that some membership renewals continue to arrive. The report was accepted by motion of Martha and 2nd by Sarah

Farm Project

The Board was pleased to hear from Ashley Maynes, a Pawlet communication major at UVM who is working on the Farm Project for the PHS. Ashley reported her work has included researching old newspaper archives for articles about farms and farming in Pawlet, interviewing the Hulett's about their experience two years ago of growing and marketing hemp on their farm, and reorganizing the PHS google drive. Ashley hopes to work on the Project as her studies allow this winter and spring and during next summer.

Newsletter

Sarah has lined up several articles for the next Newsletter. They include a letter from President Meinerth, a Farm Project update, a membership reminder, a recognition of Mike Mach for his construction and donation a storage cart for large maps and art, articles from Ken Major, an essay by Brian Leach written as a young student about his family's Woodlawn Farm, and an article about Covid-19 virus effect on life in Pawlet in 2020-2021.

Collections

The committee reported work on reviewing and cataloging the many postcards in the PHS collection, and reviewing the many notes and items of Pawlet history collected by Dorothy Offensend. This includes lists of births, marriages, and deaths as well as military records and place of burial in the five Pawlet cemeteries. Judy offered to assist with this effort.

Facilities

Barry reported he moved the large display case from the large room in the Chapel to the archive room.

Other business

Barry reported he submitted the PHS report for the Pawlet Town Report and the PHS request for \$750 appropriation in the Town Meeting Warning.

Steve recommended Richard Ketchum's book, "Saratoga", citing the last page 449 about the freeing of a slave and her child and the shelter they were given later in Pawlet. Steve also mentioned a book called "Vermont Firsts" by Richard Smith

Next Trustee Meeting - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 7 PM via ZOOM

Submitted by John Malcolm, PHS Secretary