

**Pawlett Historical Society  
Minutes-Trustee Monthly Meeting- via Zoom  
October 15, 2020**

**Minutes of Trustee Monthly Meeting** September 10, 2020  
Approved by motion of Rose and 2nd by Martha

**Correspondence**

Marlee reads letter from Andy Mahurin resigning as a Trustee effective today due to frequent out of area travel for his job. He remains interested in PHS and offers to help when he is available. His wife, Abbie Mahurin, is interested in becoming a Trustee to replace him.

**Treasurer's Report**

Rose reports on the past month and that the appropriation of \$750 from the Town of Pawlet has been received. The report was accepted by a motion of Judy and a 2nd by Marlee. Rose presented a draft budget for the next year and discussion included adding \$300 for a 4th issue of the Newsletter and \$600 for more shelving. The final budget was passed by a motion of Judy and a 2nd by Sarah. There was an additional motion to spend up to \$3000 from last year's appeal letter proceeds for work at the old cemetery cleaning brush and felling trees. Steve made the motion and Theresa 2nd and was passed.

**Newsletter**

Sarah reported the October issue is completed with 6 pages of exciting articles including one on slate by a 6th grade student from 1982, an article about the slate quarry tragedy in Warren Switch in 1905, and the fire in West Pawlet village in 1895, and a letter by PHS President Barry Meinerth. The issue also has a form for PHS membership annual renewal and a request for present personal stories in Pawlet about coping with the COVID-19 virus pandemic to be part of later editions.

**Collections**

Sarah and Martha continue to catalog new items including newly acquired photograph postcards of a slate quarry, the mill pond in Pawlet and a view across RT 30 from Mach's Market. Ken Major donated some items to the PHS that he has discovered in his searches.

**Facilities**

The Chapel air conditioner has been removed for winter, the old North Pawlet School dehumidifier needs disposing off and the storm window needs installing. It was reported that former Trustee John McInerney has donated a glass display case to the Society. Thanks to John for this donation.

**Pawlet Expedition Monument Proposal**

There was discussion focused around a letter to the Board by Martha on the topic. Issues such as location, accuracy and number of names on the monument, and coordinating with festivities for the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Saratoga in a few years were discussed. It was decided to have a special Trustee meeting about the proposal on October 22 to continue the discussion.

**Events**

The pandemic has effected any schedule of events for PHS but there was discussion of linking a Zoom style event with Green MTN Academy or a trial run with Ken Major presenting. Barry and Steve will look into the possibilities.

**Farm Project**

There was discussion about transcribing the interviews and trying a few to start with outside software. Sarah and Barry will look into it.

**Other Business**

It was decided to give a gift certificate of \$100 to Rhonda Schlangen for her work with the website answering and forwarding queries of the PHS. Motion was by Rose and 2nd by Judy.

Motion by Theresa to Adjourn and 2nd by Judy

**Next Meeting** SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2020 7PM ZOOM

**Annual PHS Meeting and Trustee Monthly Meeting**

Thursday November 12, 2020 7pm Zoom

Submitted by John Malcolm, PHS Secretary