

**Pawlett Historical Society
Minutes Trustee Meeting
February 11, 2021
via Zoom**

Present:

Barry Meinerth, Judy Coolidge, Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, John Malcolm, Martha Schoenemann, Steve Williams, Marlee Mason, Keith Mason, Theresa Jones, Matt Proft, Susan Hosley, Abbie Mahurin

Minutes Trustee Meeting January 14, 2021

Approved on a motion of Rose and 2nd by Matt

Treasurer's Report

Items highlighted included some membership dues, pay for Ashley Mayne, and keeping checking account balance tight to maximize income from Fidelity account.

Report accepted on motion of Matt and 2nd by Judy

Newsletter

A thank you to Sarah and Sue and Ken Major for a good issue. It also appears PHS has more frequent issues than other area historical societies. Our next issue could include the effects of Covid-19 on the area presently, 103 years after the flu pandemic of 1918.

Collections

The work on the collection of Dorothy Offensend materials is nearing completion and the committee looks forward to covid immunization so we are able to gather more easily together.

Farm Project

Sarah reported Ashley has returned to her studies at UVM but did have time for researching a file of Fred and Sandra Stone's farm and also photos of the Hulett Farm's 2019 hemp production season.

Website

There was discussion of including PHS merchandise such as books, T-Shirts, and maps for sale on the PHS website.

Facilities

There was a question of the Chapel roof slate repair and Keith replied the Cemetery Board is considering a whole section of roof replacement in that area. There was also a question of a water diverter away from the west double doors to slow down their deterioration.

Renovating the Old Pawlet cemetery was also discussed along with the funds available from last year's appeal letter. Steve offered to discuss the tree and brush work needed with Lucus Forgues and Jon Haynes.

250th Revolutionary War Commemoration

There was broad discussion of PHS role and planning for events in the years preceding. Many of the points raised included responding to a memo from Martha and Judy, Monica Kravitt's written response to that memo and some conclusions resulting. Issues brought up were about PHS role and logistics in such a celebration, the question of a second monument, its size, shape, and wording and especially its location, to commemorate the "Pawlet Expedition" in addition to the present stone and plaque monument in front of the North Pawlet School.

There were several points the Board found consensus.

- The PHS will play a significant part but not the lead in a 250th Commemoration
- The PHS will renovate the old Cemetery to commemorate the soldiers there
- The PHS will agree to help create a Second monument commemorating the Pawlet Expedition
- The PHS will investigate the PHS preferred location at the Mettawee School or adjacent Merck land
- The PHS will research the names of soldiers involved, through the VT Historical Society, the National Archives, the Hollister and Offensend records
- The PHS will create a pamphlet/ booklet and/or a display/kiosk to go with the monument and/or the Old cemetery describing Pawlet's role in such a historical event

Abbie, Martha and Theresa offered to be the initial research committee.

Next Meeting Thursday March 11, 2021 via Zoom

Submitted by John Malcolm, Secretary