

Pawlet Historical Society Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Pawlet Historical Society Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm on April 14, 2022 via Zoom by Rose Smith.

Present

Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, Martha Schoenemann, Rhonda Schlangen, Theresa Jones, Susan Hosley, Judy Coolidge, Abbie Mahurin, Steve Williams, Sue Wright (guest), Russ Layne (guest)

Trustee Nomination

Judy moved to nominate Sue Wright to be a Pawlet Historical Society Trustee. Martha seconded, and the motion was carried with unanimous support.

Approval of March Minutes

Abbie moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022. Steve seconded, and the motion was carried with unanimous support.

Approval of Treasurers Report

Sarah moved to approve the Treasurers Report. Rhonda seconded the motion, and it was carried with unanimous support.

Pawlet's Role in First Manumission with Guest Russ Layne

Russ Layne indicated that he would like to see recognition of Ebenezer Allen, cousin of Ethan Allen, freeing a woman of color and her 2-month-old daughter while camping in Pawlet. Referred to book by Richard Ketchum that included that Allen was in Pawlet when he assisted in granting freedom to the woman and her daughter. Martha, Historian, added that PHS could commit to creating an educational display or booklet to commemorate Pawlet's role in the Revolution and include this piece of history. She indicated that this is something we should pursue for the 250th. Russ indicated that he is attending a author event at Northshire Bookstore for an author who has expertise on this event. Discussion was held about this topic. Russ indicated that he will come back to PHS with information about this author and if he feels they would be a good speaker.

Newsletter

Theresa indicated that the newsletter will be sent in the coming weeks.

Speaker for May 21

Theresa created a flyer and will share throughout town. At the May meeting, we will discuss refreshments at the Town Hall. Martha and Rose have coordinated a time with the speaker to see some local historic homes and sites.

Farm Project Update

Sarah indicated that Ashley will not be in Pawlet this summer and recommended PHS look into some other options for individuals to help with the Farm Project. Discussion was held about this topic. We will explore options through local/VT colleges and universities and other avenues in our community (newsletter, Front Porch Forum, Facebook, etc.) to find someone who may be interested in assisting with this project.

Collections Update

No Update

Signage at North Pawlet School

Martha shared and updated design and quote for signage at the North Pawlet School. Rhonda moved to approve the design and quote of \$1,100 from “Wooden Signs of East Dorset” for signage at North Pawlet School. Sue seconded, and the motion was carried with unanimous support.

Ice Cream Social – Speaker Confirmation and Exhibit Ideas

Gene Higgins has agreed to speak at the Ice Cream social and will provide a topic and a date (either July 24 or 31) for the May meeting.

PHS 50th Anniversary Celebration Update

There will be a planning meeting for this celebration on April 26th at 7:00pm at Judy’s mom’s house.

Other Business

Judy asked the group if anyone would be interested in assisting with Bingo again this year. After some discussion, it was decided that we will not participate in Bingo this year.

Adjournment

Martha moved to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda seconded, and the motion was carried with unanimous support. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on May 12, 2022, at the Pawlet Public Library or via Zoom (TBD).

Minutes Submitted by Abbie Mahurin