

Pawlett Historical Society Annual & Regular Trustees Meeting Thursday, February 9, 2022, via Zoom
6:30 p.m.

Attending

Trustees: Judy Coolidge, Susan Hosley, Teresa Jones, Ken Major, John Malcolm, Barry Meinerth, Jack Rath, Sarah Rath, Martha Schoeneman, Rhonda Schlangen, Rose Smith, Steve Williams, Sue Wright
Community attendee: Linda Lynton

Approval of December meeting minutes December Treasurer's Reports & approval January Treasurer's Reports & approval Membership & Appeal update

- December meeting minutes reviewed and approved (Motioned by Judy Coolidge to approve, Teresa Jones seconded, all voted in favor to approve)
- December and January treasurers reports reviewed and approved (Motioned by Barry Meinerth to approve, Susan Hosley seconded, all voted in favor to approve)
- Updates: Judy set up automatic payments with Green Mountain Power.

Membership & Appeal update

- We received 12 new memberships in response to the annual membership appeal, fewer than anticipated.
- 42 returned membership paper; 70 responded to the appeal; some responded to both membership and appeal.
- All Trustees should please consider renewing their membership if they haven't done so.

Book reprinting update

- Jack Rath shared that [Pages from my Pawlett Scrapbook, Book 1](#) (aka Dorothy Offensend's book 1) is printed and available on demand via Amazon.com; current price is set at \$15, giving the PHS approximately \$4.77 profit per book ordered.
- Hiel Hollister's [Pawlet: One Hundred Years](#) and Offensend book 2 would need to be scanned for a fee and then sent to Kindle Direct Publishing; The Hollister book could be published as a hard copy or paperback.
- Suggestion to package both Offensend books and sell at an attractive price, while reminding us that the book sales are intended to enable people to access the books rather than making a profit
- Motions made and passed to:
 1. proceed with publication of Dorothy Offensend Book 2 and Hollister Book, using funds from Anna Jones donation
 2. to order 25 copies of Dorothy Offensend 1, using funds from Anna Jones donation: passed
- **Follow-up:** Jack will update the copyright and publication dates; to check if it's possible to order the Hollister book hard copy with the same color and texture as the current edition

Farm Project update

- Sarah Rath shared an update from Ashley, who is making progress with transcriptions and noted that she is having difficulty reaching some farmers.

- Susanne Wright recruited friends to potentially serve as interviewers. Susanne to share names with PHS.
- Judy to share contact information for the Waits; Rhonda offered to share Brooks' contact information.
- Barry, Sarah, Jack, and John committed to joining a committee to manage the farm project
- \$3162 in the Farm Project budget remains and can be spent by the committee without special permission of the board.
- The board appreciates Fred Stone's continued support of the project.

PHS 50th Anniversary on July 22nd Update

- The committee will meet next week to refine the plans.
- Eileen Travell is now engaged and supportive of a Rappaport photo display.
- Rose has agreed to Chair doing an updated Pawlett Scrapbook.
- Judy also checking signs used for the 250th anniversary to see if we can use them for the anniversary.
- Next meeting: Feb 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery Clean-up

- Two clean-ups are scheduled for summer/fall: May 6 or 13 – clean up date pending Barry reaching out to [Caitlin Abrams](#) to find out when she's available and September 23 – based on Tom Giffin's schedule
- February newsletter publication on hold pending confirmation of dates

Newsletter

- We will look into adding ads to the newsletter from local businesses;
- Next steps: Barry M. to approach the Barn Restaurant and Judy C. to approach Mach's Store

AOB:

- **Tree budget for the cemetery:** Barry is soliciting bids and estimates about \$2000 for the project; Rose will approach Bobby Jones about the Select Board contributing to costs.
- Susan to add a link on the website to Pawlet's visual census, with interviews.

Next meeting: March 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Postponed topics:

Land Acknowledgements – discussion – pending RS sharing updated information

250th US & Pawlet

Upcoming board meetings:

March 9, 2023, April 13, 2023, May 11, 2023, TBD

June 8, 2023, July 13, 2023, July 22, 2023,