

**Pawlett Historical Society  
Minutes of Trustee Meeting  
February 21, 2024  
Pawlet Library**

**Present :** Rose Smith, Judy Coolidge, Steve Williams, Sarah Rath, Jack Rath, Theresa Jones, Martha Schoenemann, Rhonda Schlangen, John Malcolm, Ken Major, Glenda Young

**Minutes** of Trustee Meeting January 10, 2024

Approved on a motion by Judy and 2nd by Martha

**Treasurer's Report**

Judy reported the good response to the appeal letter, a large donation from an estate, and a membership number of 38 so far. That and the electronically distributed summary were approved on a motion by Jack and 2nd by Theresa

The Town Meeting appropriation request increase by PHS was successfully petitioned and will be on the Town Warning. Thank you Martha and Steve.

**Collections**

Sarah reported cataloguing has resumed on a backlog and a propane delivery problem at the North Pawlet Schoolhouse was discussed. There was continued discussion about finding a situation where the collection could be consolidated, stored and displayed in one place.

**Farm Project**

Jack reported he has completed a few more transcriptions and hopes to do some more interviews,

**Newsletter**

Rhonda reported the next issue will include an update of the Farm Project by Jack and Sarah and a 2010 article by Sarah Gardner profiling Pawlet photographer Ella Clark

**Events**

Steve reported his contact with historian Howard Coffin about his VT Humanities Council program about the cold year of 1816, the year without a summer. Steve said the cost is \$75 to the Council and an estimate of \$100 for mileage. It was approved to authorize Steve to invite Mr. Coffin to speak at the Town Hall on April 26 at 7pm at the above rates on a motion by Rhonda and 2nd by Sarah

**250 th Anniversary**

There was continued discussion about PHS 's participation in the event and ideas specific to Pawlet and joining in with other towns

**Other Items**

It was reported that Debby Mars would like PHS to consider cleanups at the MountainView Cemetery in West Pawlet.

It was also reported that Jeff Kelley has fixed any bad spots on the slate roofs of the brick schoolhouses. Thank you Jeff

Steve said a bicyclist Joe Cook would be another possible speaker about the VT 251 club

**Next Trustee Meeting** MARCH 13, 2024 7PM Pawlet Library

Submitted by PHS Secretary John Malcolm