

Historical Society of Clarendon, Vermont

December 19, 2018 – Clarendon Town Hall

Minutes

Meeting began at 6PM

Present: Bob Underhill, Becky Mandolare, Phil Mandolare, Edwin Congdon, Ellen Whooley

The scheduled topic of the meeting was taverns, inns & hotels. Bob prepared easels with material that we had on various entities since the 1770's forward. The lanterns that had been saved from the former Crossman Tavern were on display.

Discussed membership renewal and recruitment. Will do a mailing to existing members, potential members that we identify as having some interest, and to all owners of 100+ year old homes in Clarendon. Becky will order self-sealing prepaid corner card envelopes for ease of use and a more professional look. This will cost approx. \$300 for a box of 500. This includes \$235 postage.

Ed suggested adding a new membership level of Student at \$5. We won't worry about what the definition of student is. We will make contact with the Mill River High School history dept as part of the membership drive. Membership drive letter will emphasize accomplishments to date and suggest ways members can contribute. A draft was circulated.

Ed donated a history of the Brick Church published in 1980.

The Rutland Historical Society has given us 3 boxes full of Flora Weeks' Clarendon materials that had been left in their care. This was on display at this meeting. It is a veritable treasure trove.

The website upgrades were discussed, including having the ability to put in GPS coordinates as appropriate. Peter was going to speak to the upgrade but could not make the meeting due to a death in the family. Bob will check with Peter on whether the website can accept membership renewals

The next meeting will be Wednesday December 16th at 6PM at the Town Hall with the topic being Otter Creek bridges and crossings. Bob will alert the Crown Point Road folks as they might have something to add on the Crown Point Road crossing. Bob will also contact the Wallingford Historical Society to see if they know of a roadway on the west side of Otter Creek that might make the two bridge crossings by Rt 7B South make more sense than simply servicing two farms.

A preliminary discussion on the Otter Creek and Mill River bridges/crossing discussion began at this meeting.