

## Historical Society of Clarendon VT

March 21, 2022 6PM Grange Hall

Attendance: Bob Underhill, Phil & Becky Mandolare, Dave Potter, Ed Congdon, Donna Brewer, Pat Moore, Gloria Williams, Chris Palance, John Colvin, Carol Geery

Donna Brewer donated an old school slate thought to have belonged to Fred Congdon - Bob will try to research age of it. Donna also donated a Centennial Anniversary Manual for the Brick Church and left some old photos to be scanned & returned.

Bob brought a book of poems published by local author Carroll Buffam and noted we are seeing copies of two other books he published. He also brought a book published in 1922 by Clarendon native Seneca Smith and noted he has 3 other books by Smith on order. He noted Smith is the one who started the summer pastor program for the Brick Church.

Becky summarized Oct. 2021 VT Historical Society Award and the photo contest.

A discussion of what has been done for past membership recruitment/renewal efforts and whether we should adopt a donation system in lieu of memberships. Concept was well received.

Potential projects and events were discussed:

- A cemetery rehab, possibly the Haven Hill Cemetery on Old Orchard Place.
- Clarendon Flats Cemetery crypt repair.
- Follow-up with Cash Ruane about getting the tops of fallen monuments put back in place in the Clarendon Flats Cemetery. Will need some straightening of the bases beforehand. Agreed to do quarterly appeals on FB.
- Support the June celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Brick Church. Pat Moore to get back to us on what might be needed.
- Trivia contest that require contestants go to the website to find answers
- Have a speaker on genealogy
- Crown Point Road - Phil giving presentation in May in Brandon with walking tour, showing artifacts and discover encampment area, etc
- Exploration/documentation of Chippenhook cave
- Jean Murray used to do tour of old school locations and stories about skating rinks, etc. Any pictures of kids attending or skating etc? Central Office used to have repository of old school records from 1930, 1940.
- Research Grange Hall downstairs used as school ca. 1953 1954. Donna Brewer, Pratt girls and White twins attended.
- Oral Histories - Mike McCloughin, Tom Weeks, Ruth West/Alice Bowen, \_\_\_\_ LanFear suggested. Dave's cousins went to Rutland Town , Rutland City, Conn- might make interesting discussions

Going forward we intend to again hold monthly meetings and some may have guest speakers. In May in conjunction with the Annual Meeting a professor from Northern VT University will speak about the construction of the new Rt 7.