

Historical Society of Clarendon, Vermont, Inc.

Sept. 19, 2018 Meeting

Town Hall 6PM

Present: Bob Underhill, Phil Mandolare, Becky Mandolare, Dave Potter

This was the 1st meeting with a specified topic (Schools). Heather sent an email to our membership announcing this and also the Sept. 15th joint venture with the Crown Point Road Association. Bob posted both on Front Porch as well.

The Front Porch notice did elicit a response from someone who though unable to make the Sept. 15th event did want to be added to our mailing list for any future events. When we go out for 2019 membership renewals we can perhaps invite her to join.

For the schools discussion we had our website open to the Schools collection and a large copy of the 1869 map marked up indicating the locations of then-existing schools and also other schools built subsequent to 1869.

We discussed what we know and don't know about historic schools and noted that whereas we had focused on schools shown on the 1869 map there were at least a couple predecessor schools shown on the 1854 map that are not on the 1869 map. The 1854 map will be reviewed in this regard. All of the 1869 school structures are still in existence except for District #6 (corner of Horton and Creek Rd) and District #9 (East St).

The Sept. 15th joint venture with the Crown Point Road Association went very well and included walking the remnant of the unnamed road along the ridge above Gorge Rd and then visiting the bridge abutments on Otter Creek just south of Walker Mt. Rd. Thanks to Phil for playing a lead on that and also to the Vermont Country Store and Thompson family for allowing us on their land.

Ed Congdon donated an undated (1940's maybe?) campaign piece in support of modernizing one room schoolhouses to have proper lighting, heat, and bathroom facilities.

Dave Potter brought a treasure trove of old photographs, postcards and documents to share. He agreed to set up a time to allow us to scan pieces.