

Groton Historical Society

NEWS LETTER

Groton, Vermont

June, 1997

The following officers were elected for the 1996-97 year:

President: Richard Brooks
Vice President: Norma Hosmer
Secretary: Evelyn Ricker
Treasurer: Josephine French

The Board of Directors consists of the four elected officers along with:

Dean Page (1997)
Richard Brooks (1998)
Willard Benzie (1998)

The Board of Trustees is comprised of:

Richard Brooks (1997)
Willard Benzie (1998)
Dean Page (1999)
Norma Hosmer (2000)
Robert Herdman (2001)

The Groton Historical Society meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Peter Paul Historical House at 9:00 a.m. Dues are \$5.00 per year. Refreshments are served following the meeting.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Of special interest over the past year was the Groton High School Alumni Banquet. It was well attended with 390 tickets sold at \$10.00 each. A profit of 1421.25 was realized by the Historical Society. The oldest class represented was 1926 by Raymond Page of Groton and Donald Miller of Bradford. The reunion committee, Signa Braman, Bing Page, Janet Puffer, Willard Benzie and Josephine French, did a great job.

The Historical House was open to the public every Sunday from 2-5 P.M. in July and August and will continue to be open this summer too.

We were proud to have 4 of our members paid tribute to over the last year. The Groton Town Report was dedicated to Josephine French for her many years as "Fall Foliage" chairman and all she has done for Groton. Bing and Deane Page were honored with the VFW award for many years of community service. The Modern Woodman honored Dale Brown for all his work and dedication to the

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town of Groton.

On "Foliage Day" 186 people signed the guest book as they toured the Historical House. They were greeted by Norma Hosmer, Ruth Putnam and Richard Brooks in period costume as well as Peggy Smith, Josephine French and Diane Kreis.

The Village Dam restoration project is in a holding pattern due to the State of Vermont Dept. of Natural Resources concerns regarding ice jams and the damage it might cause fish and wild life. The dam has been in service for 193 years and is necessary for its historic value as well as a source of water for fire protection. Dale Brown is still waiting for a response from the department.

Our biggest expenditure for 1996 was painting the exterior of the house. Alan (Joe) Dennis of Bristol, CT donated most of

the paint. Drywall will be installed in the garage as our next project.

Many thanks to Harold Puffer for restoring the Historical House sign. It looks wonderful. Also our appreciation for the donations made to the society this year.

I would appreciate any news items or articles of interest to the historical society. Please contact me and I will be glad to include them in upcoming newsletters.

Diane Kreis

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