

Groton Historical Society Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2018

Present: Deb Jurist, Brent Smith, Phil Coutu, Erik Volk, Phyllis Burke, Greg Eckert

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm

Dick Montigue would like to spend some time in the PPH looking over the antique tools. Phil agreed to let him borrow his set. He will probably drop them off at Deb's studio for Dick to pick up.

Treasures Report-Erik presented his report. See attached.

Mr. Glover's Childhood Book-Deb is adding in images is also working on footnotes. Brent suggested we add in the official 911 address maps into our books. Deb mentioned the book should be done in the coming months.

Deb mentioned she spoke to Brian Aust. He works for the Parks Dept of the State. He said they are redoing the nature center in the State Forest and they were looking for some historical/cultural info from the area. He was looking for someone to show him around and provide some information. Dean Page, Janet Puffer, Gary Lamberton and Rusty Reader were brought up as being possible candidates.

Brent brought up that Groton is hosting a Home Show on Sat. May 19th at the Community Center. Maybe we could have a table? No one was able to commit to helping out. So wont be attending.

New member Greg Eckert brought up that he was interesting in doing metal detecting and was wanting to know if there were any historical areas. He said he bring found items of interest to GHS meeting to discuss. Old bridge and Witcher Mountain were mentioned as possible sites.

Deb brought up the need to have the newsletters indexed or searchable as they contain so much information. Erik said you can't search multiple PDF files. But we could do a contents page for all issues and search in that document.

Deb also brought up need to have someone locally focus on Historical Genealogy. Enter/update database etc. Someone recommended Reggie Welsh.

Peter Paul House. Phyllis brought up that there are a lot of wasps around. Greg offered to spray outside the house. Phil will purchase 5 or 6 cans of wasp spray and get them to Greg. Phil mentioned the outside window sills are in rough shape.

Deb mentioned the need to do a fundraiser this year. Talked about maybe having this year be focused on Railroad them. Maybe have fundraising in conjunction with a concert event? Maybe get Banjo Dan to do a railroad themed concert this summer in Veterans Park. Group thought something over Labor Day weekend would work well. Deb will find out how much and if Banjo Dan is available over Labor Day. Also at the concert, we could perhaps but up a railroad display on panels with photos/info on the Wells River/Montpelier Railroad. We would sell our books, sell/auction caramels, pies? Pass around the hat to

get donations during concert. Hopefully some other groups in town will also help pay for a band to reduce cost to GHS.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Groton Historical Society Treasurer Report May 1, 2018

Balance as of January 1 2018			\$3,473.42
Income:			
	New	Total to date	
Membership + proceeds + donations	\$452.99	\$452.99	
Total Income since 1/1/18			\$452.99
Expenses:			
	New	Total to date	
Postage expense (newsletter)	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Green Mountain Power	\$59.94	\$59.94	
MyFarmers Market Brunch	\$174.40	\$174.40	
Book Production Expenses	\$10.20	\$10.20	
Event Supplies	\$15.49	\$15.49	
Total Expenses since 1/1/18			\$335.03
Balance as of May 1, 2018			\$3,591.38
Balance in Certificate as of May 1, 2018			\$9,991.84

Philip J. Costa

