

# Historical Society of Clarendon, VT

## April 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 Minutes

Call to Order: 5:55 p.m.

Bob Underhill, Peter Savage, Jan Savage, Bob, Jim Filbrook, Cindy, Becky, Phil Mandolare, Dan and Karen Graves.

Minutes: Peter Savage motioned to approve, Jan Savage second. Minutes approved.

Today's Mail: discussed VOCA, what they could do in terms of restoring our old cemeteries.

Cemeteries are all on website, except for Haven Hill, with links to find a grave. The public was invited to bring any cemeteries that are not recognized to the society's attention.

Website: Cindy Davis is concerned that the website is difficult to find. Peter responded that the website is not yet in the search engines, and he believed that there is now enough material to list it with google, etc. Other issues with the website were addressed. New editions will be a list of past and upcoming meetings, along with minutes. Other categories for materials were discussed, such as barn photos, or photos for events, such as Hurricane Irene. The website will also soon be listed as a link on the town website.

Bob mentioned the state survey with many property files, and that Peter will be breaking up that PDF.

Bob reviews the received painting of the East Clarendon Chapel donated by Ann Southard, as well as a folder with some old documents. The Town Clerk has invited Bob to sift through the Town vault to see if there is anything of use to the society.

Public introduced:

Dan and Karen Graves – family from Clarendon, lives in Rutland now. The aspect of being in a society from the ground up.

Kilns and mills in Town were briefly discussed.

Formatting and locating finds for easy access were discussed. Using parcel ids, such as in a tax map, instead of names were advocated. GPS coordinates were also suggested.

Getting the news out to the public was discussed, Bob detailed what had been done in the past, and the society's fledgling facebook was discussed. PEG TV and WCAX were discussed as avenues, H. Kent agreed to follow up with this.

Publications were discussed, particularly the blog on the website.

Pictures of the old school house and a bridge were discussed and better identified.

R. Mandolare had not heard back from the Dougherty family in regards of boxes of historical information. Norm Bowen was also suggested as having materials.

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Oral histories were discussed, people to interview, and the possibility of having a cue sheet of questions for an interview, and the method. The suggestion of having guest speakers was discussed. Names were discussed, Red Scribner and Jinx Loomis. The need for a release for possible interviews were discussed.

Building Updates: Bob gave an update on the village church, it is not suitable for Society use. Use of the superintendent building is still up in the air. The Chippenhook school was discussed.

The upstairs of the Town Hall was discussed in length, it was agreed that it should be suggested to the Select Board that it should be cleaned, and then the space viewed.

Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Kent, Secretary.