

6-21-17 Meeting Minutes Historical Society of Clarendon VT

The meeting was called to order at 6PM at Town Hall with Bob Underhill., Peter & Jan Savage, Jim & Chris Philbrook, John Romano, Bob & Joan Bixby, and Garrett Crift in attendance.

The memoirs of Helen Congdon Durfee (1913-2011) being shared with the society by her grandson .ohn Romano was discussed as concerns getting it onto the website, and also generally shared with the group. John loaned us an original to take scans from.

John shared a couple other photos and momentos, one being a school certificate of his grandmother's from the 1920's, her having attended school in what is now the Town Hall. He also inquired about submitting other materials and how they would be organized/placed. Being we have numerous categories to choose from we will generally just pick what is the best fit.

The Philbrooks shared an old photo of the Chippenhook Schoolhouse that they put into a frame for safekeeping. We may look to scan it if it turns out to be one we don't already have. The also shared an old medallion they bought at an auction. It might make for a good entry in the Artifacts collection.

Peter spoke to scanning large documents.

Bob noted some of the entries made to the website and indicated that if we find better info on any entry that the website design allows for easy updates/corrections. An example would be renaming of a house if we determined an owner prior to the one it is currently named after.

Bob noted he is going to compile a list of War of 1812 veterans from Clarendon and that he otherwise will continue chipping away at pulling material from the 1976 Town History book.

The primary thrust of the meeting was discussing possible research projects that Garret might get involved with. We settled on two that are of particular interest to him. One is the history of Indians in what is now Clarendon. The other is documenting who the original settlers in Clarendon were. Bob was going to inquire if we have the records of the original sale of parcels by the Proprietors who originally owned Clarendon. We know who the Proprietors are from the Town Charter but not who they sold the land to.