

Historical Society of Clarendon, VT Inc.

Meeting 3/20/2019

Clarendon Town Hall 6PM

Attending: Bob Underhill, Ed Congdon, Ellen Whooley, Phil and Becky Mandolare, Peter Savage, Steve Surrell, Ron Abare, Bob Bixby, Barry Griffith & wife

Phil Mandolare brought in Civil War era minie balls that were found on the Congdon property off of Creek Road.

Several more collections added to website, one is Town Reports. Prior to 1923 are missing, if anyone has any to share, please do. Other collections created are "Mysteries" and "Cellar Holes". Cellar holes are being documented with GPS locations.

Tonight's discussion topic is Mysteries. The 1st mystery discussed was the Gee House at the corner of N. Shrewsbury & Rt 7BN said to have been cut off from the former tavern across the road and moved. The dimensions are not consistent with that story, Could it have come from a different tavern just up the road?

Another mystery was the 1927 flood brook/former road picture. Where was it? Firehouse Rd in Chippenhook is current best guess.

A 1957 aerial photo bottom of Bump Rd shows baseball field there. The new Rt 7 could have cut right through it. Any information on it's history is welcome.

The 1920's/30's "motel" by the railroad tracks was included in the Mysteries discussed. any of these topics that you have or hear of that could be used for documentation would be helpful to share and use in piecing these locations and stories together.

A question was raised as to where the Newton & Bidgood bridges were. Subsequent to the meeting Bob determined the Bidgood Bridge was the one on Cold River Rd just before entering Rutland Town. One possibility for the Newton Bridge was that it was one of the bridges connecting Rt 7BS to the farms on the West side of Otter Creek. That's just speculation though.

Sodom was mentioned in the 1892 Town Report. Where was it? Subsequent to the meeting a reference to an iron works in Chippenhook used the Sodom name. Not sure if it the Sodem referenced in the Town Report though.

Bob Bixby clarified that the Hill School is what the East Clarendon Rd school was called.

Old Button Farm location may have had a brick structure based on a Charles Button Brick Co. brick found there. Discussed Rutland fire brick, need to research and try to figure out if there is a tie to Clarendon. Brick from the Hall Tavern was put into the Power's House addition.

Cold River Breakwater, what is it? Subscription fees for it were noted in the 1908 Town Report. What was it for? Breakwater definition found to be, submarine pile of stones. Could it possibly be a water fee paid to divert water? More research on this could be interesting.

Next month Al Ridlon will be the guest speaker talking about the formation of the Fire Dept. Need to find a way to video tape. Contact PegTV and ask to use their equipment to video tape presentation. Bob will put on Front Porch Forum. Becky to reach out to Matt and remind him of the presentation.