

July 18, 2018 Historical Society Meeting

Attendees: Peter Savage, Bob Underhill, Phil and Becky Mandolare

The town-wide tag July 28th preps were discussed. Becky looked up the time (9AM – 2PM) and will confirm with Heather whether we have a precise location.

Bob bringing six foot table, 2 directors chairs, Glynn rifle, and the new historical society banner Peter had made. Becky will bring applications for membership and 1976 town history books to sell. Phil to bring artifacts and an old laptop (per Peter's suggestion to be able to show the website). Phil's truck has a power outlet. Bob has to leave early, so Phil will return his stuff to his garage. Peter has a couple more chairs he can bring. Ed said he could come that day too.

Front Porch Forum - suggested that we put our meeting info, etc on it. Might want to put we are going to attend the Town wide yard sale. Sign up as the historical society and post as desired.

Peter also suggested possibly using Twitter to engage more people and also print 5X7 of who we are and our Mission Statement and post on bulletin boards around Town.

Suggested to change "Projects" to "Projects and Queries" on website. Possible to have contests. This may help to direct people to our site and get help to identify dates/places/names or answer questions we have. Peter will have to do this programming. We can feature it in Heather's next newsletter.

Peter will also change administration to allow all Board members to have access to a new non-public archives where materials not otherwise featured on the site can be seen by the Board as well as knowing what books, maps, and other objects we own but that are being stored at Board members homes or at the Town Hall.

How to document undocumented cellar holes? The thinking is to put pictures and GPS in unpublished area for future researches.

Discussed various locations of blast furnaces and some research that Bob and Phil did around them.

Discussed having published agendas that add some formality to meetings where we talk about something specific for a segment of each meeting. We have enough material on our website to draw from initially. This might help attract people to our meetings.