

Historical Society of Clarendon, Vermont Inc.

Oct. 17, 2018 Meeting

Town Hall 6PM

Present: Bob Underhill, Becky Mandolare, Phil Mandolare, Ed Congdon, Joan Bixby, Bob Bixby, Dave Potter

The advertised topic of discussion was on the iron furnaces in Clarendon. One was off New Horizons going down the river and the other is off Quarterline Rd. There were a couple others off W. Tinmouth Rd in Tinmouth just below the Clarendon line.

The cave on Dave Potters land was discussed. A new one was discovered within recent years on OMYA land. Would like picture of the cave or it's entrance. Article written in 1914 & 1931 (and posted on our site) were noted. Dave will send us picture of the new cave if he still has it.

A project idea is to try and capture more photos of old homes. Many were not on 1976 historic survey.

It was noted that the old Ridlon barn on Middle Rd was recently torn down. Alan Ridlon will be contacted to see if he has a photo of it.

Ed has picture of the barn on church property and will scan it. Ed suggests doing lat/long on each picture entry. Should also try to get picture of Power's barn.

Peter is working on the ability to archive items without making them public.

The time is approaching to renew memberships for 2019. Part of what needs to be determined is how to make contact with prospective new members. Current members can be renewed by computer but soliciting new members via a postcard mailing could cost \$400 - \$500. Other thoughts are writing an article for the Rutland Herald and/or Sam's Good News and posting on Front Porch. We need our outreach to be more effective. Crown Pt Road Association has been very supportive, we have done two activities together and several of their members have joined us. Senior luncheon is perhaps an opportunity to speak and get some interest.

Dave talked about the Savery soldier who was killed in the Civil War and brought back to Chippenhook Cemetery. He will be further researched.

Solomon Johns, one of the Tories who had his property confiscated, lived on land currently plowed by Bobby Congdon. Remnants of the foundation are still evident. We would like to get a usable photo. Ed can try to pin down location and will ask Bobby. There is a whole society of Solomon Johns descendants and much info available on him.

The Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be about maps. Dave Potter will bring his large original 1800's map which will serve as the centerpiece. Bob will bring the several map prints that he has purchased plus several books.