

# Historical Society of Clarendon, VT

## 12-20-17 Minutes

Attendees were Bob Underhill, Phil Mandolare, Edwin Congdon, Becky Mandolare, Heather Kent

Guest Speaker – Bob did contact the Crown Point Road Association to inquire about them putting on a guest presentation at a future meeting. It was well received but specific arrangements have not yet. Bob will follow up on this.

Elaine Purdy from the Crown Point Road Association loaned us certain Clarendon-specific material she had. Bob scanned those items himself or had them scanned at Staples & Awesome Graphics. When time allows he will sift through it to determine what to put on our website.

Town Report – Bob did speak with Rick Bersaw about putting an annual report in the Town's Annual Report. Rick was amenable but needs to check with the other two Auditors. Given time constraints Bob will prepare something in anticipation of getting an OK.

Becky will follow up with Dawn Hance about whether she has data on where early settler's properties were.

Becky will contact the Rutland Historical Society to inquire about what they have for Clarendon materials.

Phil spoke with Laurie Bowen about some old photos she has of the farm. He will follow up with her again on this after the holidays.

Bob did talk with Tom Weeks about the location of the Dutcher Blacksmith Shop shown in a ca. 1900-1910 photo. Tom did not know where it was. Bob posted the photo on the website. When time allows Bob will see if he can find anything in the Grand List or property records for that decade.

Peter created a new collections grouping for our newsletters. Heather will try to have another newsletter in advance of the January meeting.

We need to get Peter's thoughts on where/how best to sell the 1976 history book on our website.

Bob, Becky, Phil, and Garrett spent a couple hours scanning archival photos and other material from the Town Vault. Bob needs to sift through the scans still to determine what to place on the website. Some photos are the originals of items already on the website and will be swapped out given they are of better quality than the scans from the town history book.

Edwin Congdon donated a copy of the 1913 "Vermont the land of Green Mountains" published by The Vermont Bureau of Publicity.

Phil and Bob will begin to put onto our website some of his many artifacts discovered in Clarendon. Phil brought and explained a number of his recent finds. Bob brought the recently donated pocket horn that is displayed on our website.

At the January meeting we will need to settle on what, if anything, we will do in conjunction with the 2018 Town Meeting. We also need to discuss what we might do, if anything, in conjunction with the 2018 Town-wide Tag Sale event (as had been suggested earlier this year by the Philbrooks). Both events could be opportunities to publicize ourselves and perhaps sell some of our books.

Minutes prepared by Bob Underhill