**Historical Society of Clarendon, Vermont**

In late 2016 a small group came together to form a historical society for Clarendon. We had been one of the few towns in Vermont that did not have one. Initial activities were administrative in nature; incorporating in Vermont, obtaining 501(c)(3) status from the IRS, opening up a bank account, and building a website. In conjunction with the 2017 Town Meeting we were ready to begin regular operations accepting members and materials.

Our goal is to provide a repository for documents, photographs and other artifacts related to the history of the town of Clarendon and its residents, and to ensure that these items are appropriately available for study, research or general interest.

We do not have a home of our own yet. Our meetings are at Town Hall every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6PM. Being we are not in a position to do physical displays our focus has been on putting materials on our website in a series of collections: Artifacts, Bridges, Buildings, Cemeteries, Churches, Document, Events, Farms and Barns, Homes, Letters, Newsletters, Oral Histories, People, Places, and Schools. Donated items are being stored. Photos and documents loaned to us are being scanned and returned to the owners.

We have had a good first year. Our website <http://clarendonvthistory.org/> already has almost 200 entries in our collections. That is as much or more than many long established local historical societies. Additional material already in our possession will be added as time allows. In Sept. we began publishing periodic newsletters for our members. In 2018 we hope to begin having guest speakers periodically. Our membership includes area residents and also people from as far away as Washington and Oregon with an interest in Clarendon history.

Community support is needed in the form of membership, donating or loaning old photos or materials of historical interest, giving or taking oral histories, and helping with research or other projects that we have.

Copies of the 1976 Clarendon History book are available for sale through us.

Please join us in documenting and preserving our history.

Bob Underhill, President

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