

Historical Society of Clarendon VT

January 16, 2020 6PM Town Hall

Bob Underhill, Ed Congdon, Phil Mandolare, Becky Mandolare, & Patricia Moore were present.

Discussion to develop schedule for presentations and other Historical Society events for the upcoming year. The decision was made to try and get presenters for March, April, May, September, October and November. This reserves June for July Town Wide Yard Sale preparation which was discussed and the decision made to be staffed again this year. It also leaves December open for a possible Holiday Open House where the public would be invited to "see and touch" some of our historic finds and demonstrations of our website/archives.

Possible presenters discussed were: Dave Potter & John Colvin on Chippenhook history, Heather Kent on topic to be determined, Devin Colman on Nichols Powers, Dick Pratt on Growing Up Pratt/Pratt farm, and finding a presenter to talk about the Grange history. Other ideas are welcome.

More discussion on promoting the monthly meetings: Front Porch, Facebook, emails with photos asking "what is it", "who is it", "who knows where this is" etc? All to promote engagement with the public. It was suggested we put together an annual calendar and sell them.

Discussed asking Mill River honor/history students to help research and develop archives to add to our site.

Short discussion on how to seek new members and get more renewals from existing members. It was decided Becky would send current members that had not renewed a notice in the mail and that an e-mail requesting the same should also be sent. Some comments on whether or not people were seeing the e-mails; but no action item was developed on this other than making sure Historical Society is mentioned in the subject line in the hopes that it would prevent it from going to someone trash or get people to open it if they see it.

Action items:

Becky to ask Town Selectmen to buy a projector for the Town Hall to help with presentations when meeting there. Also contact Heather to discuss giving a presentation and what topic she may be interested in.

Bob to contact Colman, Pratt, Potter for presentations & Mill River High School History teachers for possible project support by students. Ask Town Clerk for location /link on Town Website (note link is already on the website).

Phil to work on expanding Facebook presence.

