

Historical Society of Clarendon VT

Jan. 15, 2024 6 PM Community Center

Attendees: Bob Underhill, Phil Mandolare, Becky Mandolare, Dave Potter, Ed Congdon, Kevin Peck, Carla Peck, Pat Moore, Chris Gotti-Palarna, Jim Philbrook, Chris Philbrook, John Colvin, Joyce Mcginnis, George Ambrose

The focus of this meeting was to discuss possible topics & activities for meetings in 2024.

- Congdon Interviews – A meeting with about an hour’s worth of the approx. 16 hour’s worth of tapes that we have copies of, along with narration from Ed Congdon as appropriate. Ed will suggest which tapes might make for an interesting first meeting using these tapes. Phil will eventually get all 16 hours on our YouTube channel.
- Show & Tell – A repeat of the July 2023 meeting where people were invited to bring artifacts & photos to share with the audience.
- Story Telling – A meeting modeled after what has been done at the old firehouse in Tinmouth in which people are invited to share 5 minute stories on events, people, places etc of local interest.
- Tinmouth Iron Furnace – Jim Philbrook will speak with Gail Falla about a tour of the ruins on her property. Also, Phil Mandolare will think about whether there is a way to reasonably access the iron works off of New Horizons.
- Crown Point Rd – Bob Underhill will contact Dale Christie to inquire what their events are for 2024 so as to see if there is anything that we might dovetail into. At a minimum we can help advertise them.
- Cemetery Presentation – This would be a presentation of the small, often hidden from general view, cemeteries in Clarendon’s woods & fields. Kevin Peck, Phil Mandolare, & Bob Underhill will talk about what such a presentation would look like.
- Cemetery Site Visit – This would be a visit to the Clarendon Flats Cemetery (or Chippenhook Cemetery) highlighting 5 or 6 people buried there. Bob Underhill will look into this.
- Chippenhook School Alumni – This would ultimately result in an open house type event at the schoolhouse as part of a support building effort. John Colvin & Joyce Mcginnis will begin by creating an email list of alumni & other interested parties. To also include former Boy Scouts that had used the school for many years.
- Clarendon Elementary/Mill River Engagement – Discussed but w/o a clear path given disinterest on the part of the schools to date.

Also announced was that Becky Mandolare would be stepping down as Treasurer & Secretary and that we need someone to be backup for Peter Savage in his role of Webmaster. John Colvin volunteered to be Treasurer.