

Colchester Historical Society
Board of Governors Meeting
October 10, 2018

Present: James Ciaglo, Bertha Glemboski, Steven Kane, Arthur Liverant, Gigi Liverant, James McNair, Linda Stoddard, Sheila Tortorigi, Gary Walters

Absent: Angela George, Goldie Liverant, Brian Smith, Jean Smith, Donald Standish, Mary Tomasi, Denise Turner,

Other: Mark Rogoinski, Financial Advisor - Edward Jones Investments

Call to Order: by President G. Liverant at 7:02 PM

Motion to approve the September 12, 2018, minutes: G. Walters, second: A. Liverant, motion carried

Edward Jones Presentation:

Mark Rogoinski presented a financial update of the Society's investment portfolio, covered the performance of our stocks and mutual funds accompanied by a series of detailed printouts (incorporated into the minutes), currently all is well with the investments growing, however there a one or two investments in the portfolio that are doing marginally, need to look at them carefully in terms of keeping them or looking to replace them, overall investments are doing well

Governance:

1. Presentation by J. McNair regarding looking ways to engage the community
2. Ghaulchester - volunteers not forthcoming, lack of sup[port from local community theater for presenters, discussion followed about a go/no go due to time element, consensus was to postpone for this year
3. Possible bus tour around town highlighting historical homes and sites discussed, no action
4. J. McNair presented the results of the recent survey conducted by the Society online, individuals surveyed expressed interest in attending Board of Governors meetings
5. Publishing BOG meeting minutes online was presented and discussed

6. CHS web site in need of an update
7. Certificate of incorporation has been filed with the Secretary of State's office
8. Results of email motion to expend \$10,000 on the SFCC exhibit: motion: M. Tomasi, second: S. Kane, 10 votes to approve, 0 against, motion carried

Finance Committee:

Museum:

1. Pruning of shrubs around the museum completed
2. Power washing of museum at a cost of \$200.00 discussed, motion to approve: G. Walters, second: S. Tortorigi, motion carried
3. Need for scrapping of peeling paint and painting of museum discussed
4. exhibit of the history of farming in Colchester, farming exhibit has sufficient items for display, what is needed are personal narratives from Colchester's farmers

Publications:

1. Need for a handout on the SFCC to be presented to visitors discussed

Education/Programs:

1. attractions for the holidays discussed
2. movie night at Cragin of Holmes movies of Colchester and DVDs of the Holmes movies to be available for sale to the public will be explored
3. Colchester Heritage Walk on hold
4. 3 members attended the Groton Library program this year

Membership:

The following were discussed as ways to stimulate membership as well as the community:

- a) recognize new members with a “welcome” email
- b) exploration of Colchester’s historic houses and families
- c) emphasis on Colchester’s “national treasures”
- d) publish a monthly newsletter
- e) use local newspaper to highlight points and items of interest in town on a regular basis

Collections:

1. Collections are moving along
2. discussion about consigning the old coins in the CHS possession to Barrows Auction Gallery in order to gain funds for exhibits, etc., motion: A. Liverant, second S. Totorigi, motion carried
3. requests for research at a stand still, \$20.00 fee for research not attractive

SFCC:

1. additional funds needed
2. supplies for the printing of materials are needed
3. Ct. Humanities Grant application submitted by G. Liverant and A. George

New Business:

1. erosion of town green discussed, Historic District Commission to call a meeting on getting the town to improve conditions on the green in order to preserving the green for future generations
2. light control box the state wanted to place on the green has been nixed, box will be place elsewhere

3. state wanted to place a composite stone walkway on the green replacing the current “cinder” path stating the current path is a safety hazard, if the town approved the plan the state would grant funds to replace the current gazebo, plan was rejected
4. S Moroch’s documents stored at the Town Hall to be checked to see if they are duplicates of the ones in the CHS possession
5. K. Kosiba of the Colchester Garden Club has purchased a cultivar Ginkgo tree and will donate it to the town, there was interest in planting it adjacent to the SFCC, however, the BOG did not think that would be an appropriate place for the planting and suggests a Town Hall site near the Police Station and where the new Senior Center will be built

Motion to adjourn at 9:03 PM by: J. McNair, second: L. Stoddard, motion carried

Next BOG meeting, November 14 at 7 PM