

Colchester Historical Society
Board of Governors Meeting
November 14, 2018

Present: James Ciaglo, Bertha Glemboski, Steven Kane, Arthur Liverant, Gigi Liverant, Goldie Liverant, James McNair, Brian Smith, Jean Smith, Sheila Tortorigi, Gary Walters

Absent: Angela George, Donald Standish, Linda Stoddard, Mary Tomasi, Denise Turner,

Other:

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

Motion to approve the October 10, 2018, minutes: S. Kanne, second: B. Glemboski, motion carried

Governance:

1. fund raising ideas discussed
2. possibly holding an event in March
3. one idea presented as a possibility is is a program from “History at Play, “ Deborah Sampson “A Revolution of Her Own, The First Woman to Fight In and Be Honorably Discharged from the American Military”
4. another possible program in conjunction with “History at Play” on Harriet Beecher Stowe and/or Harriet Tubman
5. coins have been sent to auction
6. filing receipts from the Secretary of State Office for the incorporation of the CHS covered in the 9/12/2018 meeting submitted by B. Smith

Finance Committee:

Museum:

1. museum exterior in need of maintenance: puttying of windows, scraping, sanding and painting of areas where paint is peeling
2. estimated cost of work \$1,500.00
3. ideas were presented to the CHS on setting up the new Farming exhibit
4. several links were given to research farming for the exhibit
5. need to print items for the exhibit
6. wallpaper map in the postcard room will remain and be used when the SFCC exhibit is established

Education/Programs:

1. CHS will participate in the town Holiday Homecoming event
2. museum will be open and refreshments will be served
3. luminaries will be placed along the sidewalk from the museum to the corner of Linwood Ave.
4. traveling Trunk Exhibit - nothing from school
5. cemetery scavenger hunt to be planned for next year: G. Liverant, G. Walters, B. and J. Smith to organize the event
6. library/CHS movie night still in planning stage, looking into having flash drives of the movie available for purchase
7. gingko tree offered to the elementary school
8. 2019 CHS calendar will feature Colchester farm scenes

Membership:

1. new welcome letter for individuals who join the CHS now available

Collections:

1. 2 new individuals have come on board to assist with the cataloging of items
2. currently working on items stored in old Bacon Academy
3. historical items on loan to town public spaces
4. various historical items have been placed at Town Hall
5. hoping to set up a pictorial display at VINTAGE restaurant, history of the building. etc.
6. there is a need for storage space to store the historical items currently stored in old Bacon Academy

SFCC:

1. need to push for funds in January
2. CHS applied for a \$5,000.00 grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council, \$3,500.00 has been awarded to the CHS
3. CHS is \$1,500.00 short and that amount needs to be raised ASAP

New Business:

1. Historical Commission meeting to take place on November 19 to discuss Town Green issues, all invited
2. sections of the Town Green have been restored by filling and reseeding, still a work in progress
3. looking for ideas on an entrance and exit to the green that can be used by vehicles
4. Town Green baseball field in longer in use, question is what to do with the area. Take down the backstop???
5. calendar of 2019 meeting dates distributed for review
6. update on Coggsshell/Robinson house given by A. Liverant, deal to move house fell through, house to be demolished, Goldie Liverant to approach Jamie Noel about moving the house in order to save it.

Motion to adjourn: G. Walters, second: A. Liverant

Next Board of governors meeting: December 12, 7 PM