

Colchester Historical Society
Board of Governors Meeting
September 12, 2018

Present: James Ciaglo, Bertha Glemboski, Steven Kane, Arthur Liverant, Gigi Liverant, James McNair, Brian Smith, Jean Smith, Donald Standish, Mary Tomasi, Sheila Tortorigi, Denise Turner, Gary Walters

Absent: Angela George, Goldie Liverant, Linda Stoddard,

Other: Bill Farrell, Beverly Tarnowski

Call to Order: by President G. Liverant at 7:16 PM

Motion to approve the August 8, 2018 minutes: G. Walters, second: J. McNair, motion carried.

Governance:

1. Development of a strategic plan discussed (includes long term sustainability of membership and finances, and the present situation of the CHS)
2. Ghoulchester - date for event established (Sunday, Oct. 28, 3 PM to 6 PM, Plan to have 2 food trucks present at the event for participants, as well as act as a drawing card to the event

Membership:

1. 66 household members
2. Need to sustain the membership brought to the table

Financial Update:

School for Colored Children:

1. Need to raise additional funds
2. Plan of action discussed
3. Report on CHS booth at Prudence Crandall event given
4. Heritage Walk report presented
5. received proposal from Kaz Kazlowski and Diana McCain for \$10,000 to fund the school for colored children exhibit
6. \$10,000 needed for exhibit, \$5,000 which is a CT Humanities grant

Certificate of Inc.

1. One amendment regarding membership and dues presented and covered
2. Motion to file the amendment to the by laws with the state made by B. Smith, second S. Kane, motion carried

Museum:

1. Tour of museum property conducted, both outside and inside concerns addressed, S. Moroch to perhaps do the work.
2. Weeding and trimming of shrubs to be preformed by CHS board members

Publications:

1. Need to develop a theme for the 2019 calendar

Membership:

No report

Collections:

1. Holmes movies now on DVD

Museum:

1. Hayward Fire Program report given
2. Collections storage shelving completed
3. need to prepare for the farming exhibit to replace the Zagray exhibit
4. A. Liverant present an idea to raise fund for the CHS, having a program with notable speaker once a year like the Hamilton reenactor for the public, CHS could either accept donations or collect a per person admission charge
5. Have a movie night of the Holmes historical films, sell DVDs to the movies to the public

New Business:

1. Town Green driveway from the top of the green to the ball field in disrepair, consistent wash outs do to overuse by auto traffic on the green, concerns of the CHS discussed with town officials and a reasonable solution arrived at
2. DOT wants to place a large traffic signal box on the Town Green, CHS represented by S. Tortorigi presented their opposition to the project with strong arguments, DOT to reconsider placement of the signal box, hopefully the concerns of the CHS will be respected
3. 2 historical houses in danger, colonial saltbox at the corner of Palmer and Chestnut Hill roads, and the house next to Noels Plaza

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 PM by: J. McNair, second: G. Walters, motion carried

Next BOG meeting, October 10 at 7 PM