

Colchester Historical Society

The following motions were submitted to the Board of Governors electronically for action prior to the January 9 meeting and were voted on by said Board of Governors via email:

"The CHS BOG shall authorize the transfer of ownership of the Colchester Library Association book recently found in our room in Old Bacon Academy and shown at the December board meeting to Cragin Memorial Library?"

Motion by G. Walters, second: Goldie Liverant

Voting in favor via email: G. Walters, S. Kane, L. Stoddard, M. Tomasi, J. Ciaglo, S. Tortorigi, A. Liverant, Gigi Liverant, B. Smith

Motion carried

"A motion to open the discussion for the Colchester Historical Society, with the support of the Colchester Historic District Commission, "To pursue an investigation into an intervention to save the Cogshell House from imminent demolition."

Motion by D. Turner, second: J. McNair

Voting in favor via email: L. Stoddard, M. Tomasi, J. Ciaglo,, J. Smith, A. Liverant, Gigi Liverant, Goldie Liverant, B. Glemboski, D. Standish

Voting Against via email: S. Kane

Motion carried

Board of Governors Meeting January 9, 2019

Present: James Ciaglo, Bertha Glemboski, Steven Kane (via teleconferencing), Arthur Liverant, Gigi Liverant, Goldie Liverant, James McNair, Brian Smith, Jean Smith, Gary Walters

Absent: Angela George, Donald Standish, Linda Stoddard, Sheila Tortorigi

Other:

Call to Order: by President Gigi Liverant at 7:06 PM

Motion to approve the October 10, 2018, minutes: M. Tomasi, second: B. Smith, motion carried

Governance:

1. Finance Committee financial report presented by J. Mc NcNair, complete report attached
2. motion to approve report of the Finance Committee: A. Liverant, second: M. Tomasi
3. motion carried

Marketing Initiatives:

1. information and history of the Cogshell/Robinson house has been posted on the internet:
<https://www.colchesterhistory.org/cogshell-house>
2. Bella Crowell a new intern is working on the Moroch documents
3. March 28 - CHS will host a John Adams presentation, time and place to be announced
4. Colchester Heritage Walk is now a CHS/Johnson School cooperative project with the Johnson School developing the technology to present a digital history and the CHS providing the research for the project

Committee Reports:

1. list of CHS committees prepared with an overview and focus of each committee as well as CHS BOG members serving on those committees, list attached
2. M. Tomasi and B. Smith volunteered to serve on the Governance Committee
3. G. Walters volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee
4. Property and Grounds Committee reported power washing of museum to take place in the spring
5. Town Green restoration initiative - no report

Education and Programs:

1. program on historic gardens in the planning stages
2. this program is a cooperative effort between the CHS, Cragin Memorial Library and the Colchester Garden Club
3. cost of the program to be split 3 ways

Publications:

1. Colchester Connections Spring Brochure in the planning stage
2. brochure will include:
 - a) list of CHS programs
 - b) new exhibits in the museum
 - c) museum reopening the first saturday of April, hours 11 AM - 2 PM
3. calendar sale going very well, less that 35 calendars available

Membership:

1. emails will be sent to those individuals/families currently receiving CHS emails to determine if they are still interested in receiving CHS information via email on a regular basis

Collections:

1. quilts left on museum doorstep ,donated to Goodwill
2. 275th Anniversary of Colchester book offered to the CHS, collections committee responded, no action taken by individual making the offer
3. coins auctioned off netted \$3,800.00, money to be used for the farm exhibit
4. postcard images that were part of the historic properties exhibit removed and offered to the library
5. the following items were located in the cleaning out of items stored in the old Bacon Academy: old bible in very poor condition, 1858 book on the First Society of Colchester listing all the family names from 1858

Museum:

1. removal of Zagray items completed
2. SFCC exhibit - work in progress
3. Bill Farrell offered to print any materials needed for exhibits
4. meeting with museum greeters/docents to take place prior to museum opening in the spring

New Business:

1. proposed calendar of BOG meetings discussed, consensus reached that **future BOG meetings to take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month**
2. discussion took place on the future of the Jacks Chevrolet property with an emphasis of revamping the downtown area, more information is necessary
2. discussion on the preservation of the Cogshell/Robinson house took place
3. State of Connecticut has a process to preserve local historic buildings, Process to preserve local historic buildings and places, Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPE) attached
4. community support for preservation is vital
5. Historic District Commission need to be on board with the preservation
6. motion by A. Liverant “to circulate a petition within the community to demonstrate support to save the Cogshell/Robinson house,” second: B. Smith, motion carried
7. J. McNair to generate the petition and circulate to the BOG

Motion to adjourn: J. McNair, second M. Tomasi

Next BOG meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 7 PM