

Colchester Historical Society
Board of Governors Meeting
February 19, 2019

Present: James Ciaglo, Bertha Glemboski, Gigi Liverant, James McNair, Linda Stoddard, Mary Tomasi, Sheila Tortorigi, Denise Turner, Gary Walters

Absent: Steven Kane, Goldie Liverant, Brian Smith, Jean Smith, Donald Standish,

Other:

Call to Order: by Vice President M. Tomasi at 7:02 PM

Motion to approve the January 9, 2019 minutes: L. McNair, second G. Walters, motion carried.

Governance:

1. Treasures Report given by J. McNair
2. full financial report attached
3. motion to approve treasurer's report: G. Walters, second: S. Tortorigi, motion carried

Marketing Initiatives:

1. Cultural Heritage Walk - a work in progress, Johnson Middle School students working to create a virtual walking tour of historical landmarks as well as creating markers to be placed at the various sites

Committee Reports:

1. Town Green has new electrical installed, walking track has new layer of stone dust
2. Historical Properties: Cogshell House demolition/dismantling still up in the air, CHS may have to petition to save
3. Jack's Chevy property: apparently there is an interested buyer for the property, sale is not eminent due to location is the historical district and environmental cleanup

Education and Programs:

1. John Adams visit to take place March 24, 3 PM, at the Federated Church social hall, first round of notices sent out via email, volunteers needed to set up hall, serve refreshments, clean up after the program
2. Farm Exhibit programs are in development, CHS coupling with the Colchester Land Trust for development of programs
3. Farm Exhibit scheduled to open April 13, reception is being planned, CHS looking to have a mini Farmers's Market outside on the day of the opening
4. Cemetery Scavenger Hunt is in development, plan to have a program for adults and children
5. Holmes Movie Night - to be held at the library, CHS needs someone to coordinate and run the program
6. CHS to participate in Groton Library program wiith area historical societies
7. a few calendars are still out, need to check with local businesses for outstanding calendars and funds collected
8. Acadia book project - CHS interested in the publication of a book showcasing Colchester's history, someone needed to spearhead the project

Membership:

1. CHS gained 5 new members in January

Collections:

1. a few requests have been received, discussion on coupling research request payment with a complimentary membership, idea favorably received
2. individual with basketball shoes manufactured by the Hayward Rubber Company could not be contacted after several tries
3. Fish and Game Club membership buttons offered to the museum by a Fish and Game Club member, buttons have no historical value, offer was rejected
4. CHS will speak with town hall about displaying the Schuster Express photo currently in the museum
5. also discussed was the loan of the post card exhibit

6. some of the items being stored at the old Bacon Academy are being moved to the museum
7. two DAR tea sets discovered amongst the items stored in old Bacon Academy, at least one will be exhibited

Publications:

1. SFCC handout briefly discussed

Museum:

1. SFCC exhibit to debut April 6, program to include: plan to have a guest speaker at the library, a 1PM reception for donors and guests with refreshments being served, exhibit opens to the public at 2 PM
2. Farming Exhibit is coming along and a work in progress, printer loaned to the CHS by B. Farrell for use has been saving the the CHS a fair amount of money, Mr. Farrell in need of the return of his printer soon
3. purging of the museum basement to take place in April, basement needs a good cleaning to eliminate stored items no longer in use or of value

New Business:

1. L. Stoddard will be meeting with the new 3rd grade coordinator in March to discussed programs
2. the following communication was received from L. George:

Dear Friends,

Please accept this notification of my resignation from the Colchester Historical Society Board of Governors. This comes after my relocation to a new home in Groton, Massachusetts. It has been a privilege to serve alongside you. In the past few years, together we have accomplished many things as a heritage organization.

My hope is to remain active on the special committee to develop the upcoming new School for Colored Children Exhibit. Please do feel free to call upon me in other matters that might arise.

Respectfully,

Angela George

3. resignation accepted with regret

Motion to adjourn: J. McNair, second S. Tortorigi

Next BOG meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 7 PM