

Colchester Historical Society
Board of Governors Meeting
March 19, 2019

Present: James Ciaglo, Bertha Glemboski, Arthur Liverant, Gigi Liverant, Goldie Liverant, Brian Smith, Jean Smith, Linda Stoddard, Mary Tomasi, Sheila Tortorigi, Denise Turner, Gary Walter

Absent: Steven Kane, James McNair, Donald Standish

Other:

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

Discussion followed: G. Walter's name as the lead on the Acadia Book project was omitted

Motion made to amend the February 19, 2018, minutes to include G. Walter's name as the lead on the Acadia Book project: Goldie Liverant, second: B. Glemboski, motion as amended carried

Governance:

1. written treasurer's report presented, J. McNair has taken a new job that requires working evenings and, therefore, will not be able to make meetings, however, he will remain as marketing chairman
2. President G. Liverant asked G. Walter to serve as liaison between the Treasurer and BOG, G. Walter accepted
3. BOG discussed the financial report and the need to have access to checks since the Treasurer winters in Florida, motion by A. Liverant to have a local designated signer of checks in addition to the Treasurer and a supply of checks to remain in Colchester so certain bills can be paid immediately, second: B Smith, discussion followed, motion carried
4. M Tomasi volunteered to be the alternate signer to the CHS checking account, motion to accept M Tomassi's offer made by B. Smith, second: Goldie Liverant, motion carried
5. CHS has received private donations to the new farming exhibit

6. Lions Club grant applications due, President G. Liverant applied for a grant to help fund the SCC

Marketing Initiatives:

1. Heritage Walk coming along

Committee Reports:

1. Town Green - the town had applied for a \$300,000.00 grant from the state, money to be used to replace the stone dust/gravel tract through the green with a cemented/glued small stone paved one, \$80,000.00 of the grant is to be used to restore the gazebo, towns people who attended the initial discussion between the state and town were against the project, specifically the the paved tract, no one spoke in favor of the paved walk way, state got back to the town and indicated money was no longer available, it was believed the issue was dead, state recently notified town that it has funds for the town project
2. Cogshell/Robinson house is still on the list for demolition, 200 to 300 names are needed on the petition to demonstrate town support for preservation now
3. Jack's Chevorlet - Historic District Commission approached by a developer to renovate the property, developer told it would take 3 to 4 months to receive approval, apparently the property is presently in limbo
4. Property and Grounds - no report

Education and Programs:

1. Farm Exhibit is in the home stretch with still a fair amount of work to be done
2. SFCC exhibit just about completed
3. one opening for the two new exhibits - April 6, 12:30 to 2 PM invited guests reception, 2 PM Dale Plummer to speak at the library on the context of the SFCC in the region
4. local history fair in Groton, G. Liverant and M. Tomasi to represent the CHS

5. L. Stoddard to send a message to the school regarding the 3rd grade tour, dates for the tour are 5/13, 5/16, 5/20, 5/21 with rain dates as 5/29 and 5/30
6. Northwoods Presentation - President G. Liverant to present the old house pictures either 5/7 or 5/14
7. Holmes Movie Presentation - 4/8 M. Tomasi, Goldie Liverant, and B. Glemboski to preview the movie and plan for a 5/20, 10 AM presentation at the Senior Center, G. Walter to provide background history of the houses
8. Senior Center field trip to museum discussed

Publications:

1. G. Walter is in charge of the Acadia book project for the CHS
2. bifold on the SFCC being put together to be available to visitors of the SFCC exhibit
3. Kaz Koslowski donated a plain paper printer to the CHS
4. President G. Liverant purchased a color printer that will be able to print archival material for exhibit

Membership:

1. no report

Collections:

1. S. Tortorigi brought items from old Bacon Academy to the museum, large framed farm picture to be displayed in the Town Hall, Dime Bank to display photo of Schuster's Express
2. three requests for research received

Museum:

1. museum stairs in need of painting
2. purging of museum basement at a future date

New Business:

1. annual meeting to be at A. & G. Liverants home
2. Nominating Committee needed to present candidates for President, Vice President and Treasurer for the coming year
3. G. Liverant, Goldie Liverant, D. Tortorigi D. Turner, B. Glemboski volunteered to serve on the committee, motion made by G. Walter to accept the volunteers, second M. Tomasi, motion carried
4. Stanley Moroch to cut lawn in the Ancient Burying Ground and clean out the overgrown brush in the area between the cemetery fence and the church house
5. May 15 - Trustees of Old Bacon Academy to honor Jonathan Colton and posthumously honor Annie Hutchins Foote the author of the Bacon Academy Class Song "Baconia"

Motion to adjourn: M. Tomasi, second S. Tortorigi

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 7 PM