

## **Minutes of October 19, 2011 Meeting Warren Historical Society**

**Present:** Leon Bruno, Ellen Bruno, Rachel McCuin, Cindi Hartshorn Jones, Alan (Butch) Hartshorn, Jack Miner, Rebecca Peatman, Jean Proctor, Ken Blair and Craig Klofach

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Leon Bruno.

### **Blair Barn Restoration**

Cindi Hartshorn Jones reported that she had applied for another \$20,000. grant. Our current balance is \$24,298.

Craig Klofach presented a proposed plan for restoring the barn. He had created a plan view of the barn with notations regarding windows, doors, exhibit space and tree removal. The second floor was omitted until we decide how it is to be used. He said his goal was to open-up the space so the hearse could be displayed. Butch wondered if the space was big enough for our purposes.

Craig cautioned that since the space will not be climate-controlled, we will have to be careful not to display fabrics, paintings and anything that would freeze. That will entail a considerable discussion of what we would like to include. Craig will find out if photographs would be damaged if displayed. That led to a discussion of other venues that we could use for display or storage of materials and the Ruby Blair House was mentioned. Craig felt it would be too expensive to convert the house due to ADA issues and previous renovations to the house.

Craig has contacted the contractor to begin the renovation: jacking, pouring a foundation and floor and resetting the building. He has not heard back from him yet but said the project could begin next spring.

Leon reported that the tree has been removed thanks to Wayne Kathan, Ken Blair and Leon. Cindi said we still have to get rid of a barrel of oil that is still in the barn. Leon is still working on finding a place to store the hearse. Ken said he may have room in his hanger for it.

### **Exhibits**

We need to start discussing what we want to display as far as photos, memorabilia, placards and signs. Leon mentioned an old wheelchair in the Town Hall and Rachel mentioned the stagecoach that Haskins' restored that is now stored in the "dial building" at Sugarbush. The 20' x 30' old flag was discussed and Leon said that Michelle Pagen's proposal was the most reasonable and he would be contacting her for more details. He received an invoice from another of the bidders for their estimate but was told not to worry about it. He said Cabot has a similar flag and he would like to go up there to see what they have done with it.

**Fund Raisers**

Rebecca brought some note cards that the library had sold years ago for a fund raiser. They were off-white with scenes of Warren taken around the turn of the century (1880's to 1905) reproduced on the front. There was also an old-time photographic post card. She will get more information and report back.

Cindi mentioned that someone had done a cookbook as a fund raiser a while back and we might want to do that with historic pictures to illustrate it.

**Miscellany**

Ken Blair said that if anyone had historic pictures or documents that required safe storage, there is a fireproof file cabinet in the old Zoning Office that could be used.

**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be November 16 at 7:00pm in the Town Office

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Miner  
Secretary