

**Warren Historical Society
Minutes of May 20, 2015 Meeting**

Present: Ellen & Leon Bruno, Jean Proctor, Gerry & Anneke Hyatt, Zelda Lavanway, Rachel McCuin, Cindi Hartshorn Jones, Nancy Colby, Deborah Wetmore, Rebecca Peatman & Jack Miner

Call to Order

President Leon called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Zelda corrected the minutes of the April 15 meeting under "Other Business" from Phillip Orion to Phil O'Ryan. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers Report

Cindi reported that there is \$6249.15 in our treasury. We will have a \$4200. payment for the doors and the balance will cover the materials for the electrical work.

Elections of Officers

Since Ellen and Leon are moving to Middlebury on the first of June, he thought it prudent to elect new officers. No one wants to see Leon go so he agreed to stay on until he could talk to Ken Blair about possibly accepting the position. Cindi and Jack agreed to stay on until the presidency was determined.

Bylaws

A suggestion was made to include an article requiring all officers to be members in good standing.

Barn Restoration

A consensus of the members present felt that the barn project should be the focus of our efforts and we should not be side-tracked by other interests such as the dam or trees.

Doors - Eliot Lothrop built and installed the new doors this week, they look great!

Painting - Barry Simpson is going to inquire about having a painter complete the painting in conjunction with other Town painting projects. Otherwise we will complete the painting with volunteers.

Electrical - Vince Gauthier has begun the work and will complete it this spring with his labor donated to the Society. Thanks Vince!

Southside Exterior - We need to organize a work party to complete the siding and painting of the southside. The Town has staging available to help complete this project.

Opening - We are planning a "soft" opening for the Festival of the Arts in August.

Donor Plaque - We need to determine who gets listed (minimum donation, in-kind donations, etc.) and then we can determine the size and design of the plaque in the shape of the barn.

Tree Donation - A crabapple tree was donated and planted by the Mountain Gardeners to help beautify the barn. It is on the northeast corner of the barn next to Leon's split rail fence. It is currently in bloom and looks terrific.

Other Business

Rebecca suggested that donors of articles for display be identified on the label for the item so people will know who donated the artifact.

Deborah Wetmore has volunteered to be our Curator of Exhibits, thanks Debbie!

Cindi said the Planning Commission will be holding a charrette on Memorial Day weekend to discuss the newly created green space where the Ruby Blair house stood. Please attend and make your wishes known especially for the area around the barn.

Cindi will solicit members who might be interested in forming a "Collection Committee" to oversee donations of artifacts, pictures and intellectual material.

Next Meeting

We will meet at 1:00pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 for a workday to clean out the barn and install the old floor boards in the areas where there will be exhibits. Wear old clothes and bring gloves and tools.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Miner
Secretary