

**Warren Historical Society
Minutes of August 20, 2014**

Present: Ellen & Leon Bruno, Lois Kaufmann, Rachel McCuin, Rebecca Peatman, Zelda Lavanaway, Alan Hartshorn, Jack Miner, Craig Klofach, Cindi Jones, Ken Blair

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by President Leon Bruno

Treasurers Report: Cindi reported a starting balance of \$2804.34 with expenses of \$154.23 for the bulk mailing and income of \$1920.00 from donations and dues leaving a balance of \$4949.11.

Barn Restoration:

Clapboards - we have gotten a good start and will require a couple more afternoons to complete the siding. Volunteers are Ken Blair, Leon Bruno, Jack Miner, Doug Stoehr, Rob Grant, Ken Friedman, Gary Plewak and Larry Ryan

Windows - all lower windows have been puttied, primed and painted thanks to Ellen and Leon. The upper windows will be removed by the fire company (hopefully) and repaired by Jack.

Painting - Leon secured a price of \$400. For the 8 gallons of paint required. Ken has access to a sprayer that we can use to paint the barn before winter.

Electrical - Two electricians have volunteered to help, Ron Hunkins will donate his labor if we supply the materials. Ken will dig the trench with his Kabota.

Walkway - Cindi will request that the slate stepping stones from the Ruby Blair house be moved to the entrance of the barn by the demolition contractor.

Rail Fence - Leon has constructed a split rail fence behind the barn using rails from his family farm in the Eastern Townships of Quebec that are over 100 years old.

Displays:

Flag - A conservator from New York State has recommended a glass case with a photo of the flag unfurled as the best way to display the flag. We need to do research on the flag and find out its origin. A similar flag in Cabot was displayed fairly recently and might be a starting point.

Artifacts - Cindi showed us a case with service medals awarded to Lauren Whitworth of Warren that the family has donated to the WHS for display in the museum. We need to get more information on who he was and what the awards were for. Patty Bemis, Lauren Whitworth's niece is our contact.

Oral History:

Jean Proctor knows someone who does oral histories. Do we want to pursue? The Vermont Folklore Society has done some histories on tape and we should find out where they are.

Membership:

We have increased our membership greatly as a result of our direct mail campaign. We should send out membership cards to all members. Reta has the software to do this.

Bylaws:

A copy of our bylaws were passed out to all present. These were generated in 2002 and were deemed satisfactory for our purposes.

Officers:

Current officers are:

President - Leon Bruno

Vice-President - Ken Blair

Treasurer - Cindi Hartshorn-Jones

Secretary - Jack Miner

Curator - Lois Kaufmann (new)

Other Business:

Lois Kaufmann will look over Waitsfield's policies and report.

Becky would like to see something about "loans" to the Society. She also reminded us about the note cards she had made for the July 4th Parade. We will offer them for sale at the grand opening of the museum.

Cindi will be making an application for a Historic Preservation Grant that is due before Oct. 3, 2014.

Next Meeting:

Sept. 17, 2014

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Miner, Secretary