

Canaan Historical Society
January 27, 2020
Mascoma Senior Center

Attendees - Patsy Carter, John & Carol Bergeron, Dan Fleetham, Debbie Tenney, Susan Nero, Donna Dunkerton, Reggie Barney, Tina Lemoi

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Dan Fleetham, president who outlined minor date changes to the printed agenda.

Minutes for October 22, 2019 were read, a motion was made by Reggie Barney and 2cd by Carol Bergeron to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report was reviewed. It was clarified that the use of the funds in the Artifacts Acquisition line item be for artifacts only and not maintenance supplies.

- Beginning Balance:\$25,424.59
- Income: \$520.00
- Expenses: \$93.82
- Ending Balance: \$25,850.77

Correspondence - None

Old Business:

- Thank you letters for all gifts and donations are sent by Reggie Barney and Donna Dunkerton. It was brought up that Ann & Chris Wadsworth may not have received a note of appreciation for their \$1000 donation in August, 2019 towards the window restoration project. Donna Dunkerton will send a thank you card.
- Chimney Repointing: John Bergeron has 2 quotes; one for \$2234 from James Kennedy and one from Robert Stone for \$1250. Robert Stone has been selected to undertake the project in the summer 2020.
- Storm windows: John Bergeron is working on obtaining a lower bid and will have more information this spring.
- NH DOJ Annual Report is due On 2/15/20 is currently being compiled by John Bergeron and Reggie Barney. In October 2018 the membership authorized \$1000 be given to Donna Dunkerton for the restoration of an old stove given to the museum. In preparing the report, it was realized that the vote should have been taken by the Board of Directors because it was greater than \$500 annually for a Board Member. In the future, all significant expenses for people on the Board will be voted on by the Board with the recipient member recusing him/herself. For this year's report, since restoration of an artifact is part of Donna Dunkerton's responsibilities as Town Historian the provision in Section 7:19-a Part I (c)(1) will apply.
- Web Site draft - Tina will contact Cathy Stark for next steps.

I-(b) "Financial Interest" means an interest in a transaction exceeding \$500 in value for any officer, director, or trustee, on an annual aggregate basis.

I-(c) "Pecuniary benefit transaction" means a transaction with a charitable trust in which a director, officer, or trustee of the charitable trust has a financial interest, direct or indirect. However, the following shall **not** be considered as pecuniary benefit transactions:

I-(c)(1) Reasonable compensation for services of an executive director, and expenses incurred in connection with official duties of a director, officer, or trustee;

- Web Site draft - Tina will contact Cathy Stark, Town Web Admin, for next steps.

New Business:

- Publicizing meetings: Patsy Carter suggested that Historical Society meeting should be part of Mike Samson's weekly email. By adding this to the schedule of events happening in Canaan, it is hoped that more people would attend the meetings. Patsy will follow up with Cathy Stark.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2020

Meeting Closed at 7:35

Historical Topic: Reggie read a 1920's/30's article from the "Plymouth Recorder" about the Native American history and the naming of the Baker River. The original river name was As-qualm-chu-mauke which means crooked water from high places. In March of 1712 Lt Baker led an attack on a nearby Native American Village which destroyed the village and killed all occupants.