

Curators Committee Quarterly Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2012
4:30 P.M. at the Canaan Historical Museum

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Chairman Dan Fleetham, Sr. opened the meeting at 4:30 P.M. Members present were: Dan, Ed Lary, Donna Zani-Dunkerton, Reg Barney, Carol Bergeron, Carolyn Barney, Patsy Carter, Ann Wadsworth

Treasurer: Reg reported that he has paid John Bergeron \$88.00 for glass shelves for a display cabinet and \$150.00 for 50 additional DVDs to be sold in the Museum. The funds are from the Canaan Historical Society. Because it was not clear if the Committee had requested the funds prior to now, Carol moved and Patsy seconded a motion to request the funds from the Historical Society. Motion approved.

Minutes of June 4, 2013 were approved.

Old Business

Patsy will request a Dartmouth book conservator to view our book collection in the spring and make recommendations for maintaining the collection.

Patsy will ask Kathleen Peters to contact Melissa Allen in regard to photographing events in Canaan of historical significance.

Donna reported that the number of Museum visitors is down this year, 60 as opposed to 90 last year. It was noted that people are often reluctant to sign the guest book. Donna also described the large effort made to clean all the shelves in the Museum and label the artifacts. Carol noted that over 200 man-hours had been put into this project by Donna, Carol, and Carolyn. She also noted that Donna had spent a great deal of additional time doing this on her own.

Patsy asked if Donna was allowed to keep some portion of the funds donated to the Historical Society by people for whom she has done research. She uses her own gasoline to tour the cemeteries with visitors and sometimes is not reimbursed for copies she mails to people. It was agreed to contact Museums and town historians of similar size as Canaan's to compare their policies.

It was voted to accept the donation from Dan Fleetham, Sr. of a document appointing his grandfather, George Cobb, Postmaster at Canaan St. in 1885. Carol will look into having the certificate framed.

It was voted to de-accession two gourds which have rotted and several wood scyth handles in similar condition.

On Sunday, September 16th, several members will visit the Grafton Historical Museum to view their collection.

Motion was made and approved to establish the annual meeting and term expiration as the next quarterly meeting following town elections which occur on the second Tuesday in March. It was also approved to vote on officers of the Committee at that meeting.

Members were asked to think of possible new members of the Committee as needed in the future.

Members were polled on their preferences for meeting days and time. It was agreed to try the second Monday of the month at 1 P.M. as the meeting time with place to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be January 14, 2013 at 1 P.M.

Carol Bergeron,
Secretary