

CURATORS COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT

March 14, 2016

PRESENT Dan Fleetham, Sr., Dan Fleetham, Jr., Reginald Barney, Carolyn Barney,
Donna Dunkerton, Patsy Carter

Meeting was brought to order by Dan Fleetham, Sr. Chair.

This Curators meeting was very informal. With discussion of what was completed last year under the direction of Carol Bergeron and Donna Zani Dunkerton.

Two closets in the museum were cleaned out by Donna & Carol. They found most of the contents were damaged by mold and dampness and not salvageable. With the closets now empty there was a need for protecting whatever was put in the closets. John Bergeron took some pallets and placed them on the floor. Filing cabinets were then placed in the closets on top of the pallets. A filing cabinet was also taken upstairs by Larry & Matthew Tibbetts. Donna also did some cleaning of the hallway upstairs. She now has a chair and a bureau up there. The filing system is now in order. Inventory is completed. The museum is in good order.

A project for the summer might be cleaning a room upstairs to the left of the stairs. There are some newspapers, magazines and old books that should be examined as to whether or not they are in any condition to be kept for the collection. Another project that Donna would like to have accomplished is identifying many pictures contained in the 4H scrapbooks. She is hoping some of the 4H leaders will help in this project.

Donna opened up the museum in March for some researchers from Portsmouth and Durham. These folks are doing a documentary on "Black History in N.H." Their interest was the Noyes academy. Donna also took them to the Canaan Street Cemetery, the Old North Church and showed them where the Noyes Academy building use to be.

Donna's sale of the Canaan calendars raised over \$1,000.00. She also sold a Canaan Town History to the researchers from Portsmouth.

Dan Fleetham, Sr. chairman of the Curators has officially resigned as chair of the group. We thank Dan for all of his work and support for this group.

The curators would like to acknowledge the passing of Pete Cummings, a long-time member of the Historical Society.

The museum will be open June 3rd for the 32nd year of the N.H. History Day for the 4th grade Canaan Elementary school class

The Historical Society Meeting will be held at the Museum on May 23rd at 7:00.

The Museum will officially open Saturday July 2, 1:00-4:00 thru Oct.

Patsy Carter