

CURATOR COMMITTEE MEETING – DRAFT MINUTES – 10/1/18

Present: Reggie Barney, Carol Bergeron, Patsy Carter, Donna Dunkerton, Susan Nero, Ann Wadsworth

Minutes from our 6/12/18 meeting were approved unanimously.

2018 Goals for Curators: We discussed our list of goals for 2018, some were achieved, others remain ongoing.

MUSEUM BUILDING:

Rear Closet has been cleaned. Need for self-emptying dehumidifier was discussed.

Duplicate Inventory has been moved upstairs (farm tools).

INVENTORY: Ongoing work. We discussed future projects to catalog items that are within others (ex. pictures or postcards within scrapbooks), digital cataloging as well. Carol has also been working to review and prioritize the objects in our inventory.

Clothing/Textiles – An ongoing task of assessment, cleaning, sewing catalog numbers into each. Carol purchased archival storage boxes for clothing/textiles.

Medical Instruments – Ongoing - We will work to have these cleaned and displayed.

Antique Weapon – Thanks to John Bergeron, a gun was sold at auction for \$900, minus 20% commission, brought the museum \$720.00. According to the Canaan Historical Museum and Collections Management Policy: “Funds received from a deaccession must be used to purchase other objects for the collection, or to conserve objects in the collection.” The Treasurer will hold these funds within the Historical Society’s bank account.

Mannequin – We discussed the need for another mannequin to display clothing. The Curators voted to use funds to purchase one. Carol and Susan will work to find an appropriately sized mannequin, and make purchase.

Signs – We discussed hanging the wooden dressmaker sign downstairs by the “sewing corner”.

Picture Frames – New ones not needed. Current stack of framed items need review.

Order School Bell Sign – Not needed.

History of the Mikel Wells Paintings – Donna gave Carol a history of the Mikel Wells paintings (purchased with grant from Mascoma Bank). Carol will check for it.

List of Donna’s News Articles – We discussed the need for a listing of newspaper articles about Canaan, written by Donna Dunkerton. Donna will work on a listing for reference.

List of Accredited Conservators – We discussed the need for a local conservator to look at selected pieces and advise on value and care. Carol has shared a link to help us find one.

MUSEUM OPENING DAY: Donna held another successful New Hampshire History Day in June for 75 local schoolchildren. Next year will mark the 35th year this event has been held in Canaan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stove Donation: Terhune family donated a 1912 wood burning kitchen stove, and funds to restore it. Donna is working to assemble/clean it and locate missing parts.

Miscellaneous Discussion: Interior Shutters were washed and reinstalled. They will need paint. We discussed the museum’s collection of books – Susan offered to start a digital inventory.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 @ Nero Home on Canaan Street.