

**GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JULY 6, 2016**

**LOCATION:** Georgia Municipal Building

**PRESENT:** Ed Brehaut, Laurie Broe, Colin Conger, Jean Gilmond, Olive Gilmond, David Juaire, Dee McGrath, Cindy Ploof, Sara Vester, Don Vickers

**ABSENT:** Kim Asch, Angela Dallier, Ginger Phelps, Edmund Wilcox

**GUEST:** Dick McGrath

Don Vickers called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting was made by Laurie, seconded by David, and so voted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Dee reported that she didn't have any correspondence.

Don reported that Kathy McConnell had reported that the Georgia Library was having a "120th Birthday Bash" on August 6th from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm. She wondered if the GHS would like to set up a display table. She would also like historical photos of the library. It was noted that Sue Webster is retiring and Maureen Badger has another job and is already gone. These positions will need to be filled. Don passed information received from David W. Mulder, Sales Manager of American Products Publishing. The company publishes custom books and calendars. Creating an historical calendar is something to think about. Don also passed information from the Alburgh Historical Society regarding their current special exhibit "The Lake was the Highway"

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Laurie reported that the 1.1% CD was done and the June 30, 2016 Peoples Trust checking account balance is \$2,461.05. Laurie will be moving the CD and checking account to Vermont Federal Credit Union soon. It was noted that Laurie is not running for town clerk re-election and she is planning on moving south. She wonders if Krissy Jenkins would consider joining the GHS and serving as treasurer. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

**CEMETERIES:** Ed reported that Nathaniel Neider is moving to Cambridge and will not be able to join the board or take care of Hillstown Cemetery. It was noted that the cemeteries look great! Ed reported that the fence on the back side of the Brick School Museum is loose. Cedar posts are being purchased for the Loomis Cemetery.

**JUNE PROGRAM:** Sara thinks that the "Show & Tell" program went well. \$8.00 in donations was collected.

**JULY 16th PROGRAM:** Everything is set for the Dale & Lee Carson House Tour. Refreshments: Sara, Kim, Laurie, Cindy; Beverages: Olive (water, lemonade, iced tea). Sara will check into a hostess gift (about \$30.00) for the Carson's. David noted that Ruth Bessette and his sister went to school with Lee and plan to attend.

**AUGUST 17th PROGRAM:** "Virtual Tour of the Barns of Georgia" assignments: Ed-Jean Bechard ; Colin-Horseshoe & Guerin; Jean-Ballard/Tulip; Olive-Gilmond; David-Juaire; Dee-McGrath; Cindy-Hickok/Bressette; Sara-Nye; Don-Pattee/Vickers. Kim, Angela, and Ginger may also take an assignment. Dick & Dee noted that they would like the presenters meet on Thursday, August 11th at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building to put the barn program together and do a walk through. Sara would like to know which barns have been chosen. Dee would like to have the program mailing prepared early.

**BRICK SCHOOL MUSEUM:** Don reported that Ben Weed is ready to start working on the windows soon. Don noted that he would like the Town to apply for a 50/50 grant and get estimates to do further repairs. It was also noted that a new sign will be needed for next year. The museum has been cleaned. Sara has items at the museum and hopes to set up on Thursday or Friday. The museum monitor volunteer list was passed.

**MUNICIPAL GARDENS/MEMORIAL GARDENS:** Sara reported that Rose McDeavitt is not doing anything on the gardens and something needs to be done! Sara reported that she has been and will continue to take care of the municipal building gardens, but not the monument. Sara recommends using large pots for annuals next year instead of planting in the ground. Colin reported that the memorial mulch and walkway are going to be removed in the fall so that the water will drain better.

**COLLECTIONS:** Dee thanked those who helped clean the GHS basement area.

**GORDON'S MILL:** Colin reported that nothing has been done.

**GENEALOGY:** Ginger absent - no report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dee reported that she had a new GHS member who might assist with genealogy. Previous members have renewed their membership.

**GHS WEBSITE:** Nothing has been added recently.

**NEWS & VIEWS:** Olive continues to update the News & Views books.

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FAIR 8/26-9/4:** Jean reported that her husband Gary is involved in Special Events in the State building. The Essex and St. Albans Historical Societies are the only ones who have participated. She wonders if the GHS is interested in participating. Members would get free Fair entrance tickets. The Fair has long hours and it is felt that the State building doesn't have enough going on to attract people. The general consensus was to pass this year.

**VOLUNTEER-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD:** Don will try and schedule this with the Palmer family as soon as possible.

**SOUND SYSTEM/PROJECTOR:** No report.

**2016 PROGRAMS:** Cindy passed a GHS 2016 program listing that she prepared for distribution. (These have since been posted at the Brick School Museum, Center Market, Georgia Market, Homestead Campground, and the Library). There was some discussion regarding doing a One-room School Reunion in 2017.

**OTHER:**

- Cindy noted that archival materials are needed for clothing/fabric items. It was suggested that she call the Vermont Historical Society or Fleming Museum to see what is the best storage product to use. Some items also need dry cleaning. It was noted that the GHS should meet with the selectmen in October or November to discuss a budget.
- Dee reported that the GHS has made \$3.00 so far this month from the Hannaford Helps Reusable Blue Bag Fund Raiser. Thanks to Kim who stuffed the poster ad in envelopes to send to the membership.
- Cindy reported that Donna Howard at The Eloquent Page had sold six copies of the book "Families of Georgia" and paid the GHS \$210.00. Dick and Dee have taken six more copies of "Families of Georgia" and two "Sylvester and Sarah White" genealogy books to The Eloquent Page for consignment.
- David reported that he had recently seen Peter Mallett. Peter has a caregiver now and is doing well. It was suggested that members send Peter Mallett and Edmund Wilcox "Thinking of You" cards.
- David noted that the family living by the Stannard Monument has been helping beautify and upkeep the monument. He suggested that they be sent a note of appreciation and thanks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy Ploof*