

The Willington Historical Society
March Meeting
Tuesday March 16, 2021
Virtual Meeting vis Zoom

Call to Order: Bob Shabot called the Willington Historical Society meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

Members present: Bob Shabot, Sue Schur, Mark and Sherry Masinda, Mary Beth Caron'

Present to speak: Shelby Luetjen was present to speak. She indicated that she has a history degree from UCONN and is interested in the historical society. Shelby wanted to listen in to the meeting to see what is going on with the society.

Approval of Minutes: Bob noted that there was a correction needed to the January minutes. Bob moved to accept the minutes with the correction. Sue seconded. All in favor. Mary Beth has corrected those minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Sue presented the treasurer's report that covered November to March 16th. She explained the Amerprise percentages that had changed as well as any funds and disbursement of such funds. Bob moved to accept the report as presented. Mary Beth seconded. All in favor.

Sue brought up that the insurance for the Glazier Tavern is up for renewal in April.

Old Business

Ruby Road Property:

There has been positive movement on the surveyor situation. Joe Phillipi contacted Dave Smith. He is awaiting a reply. If Mr. Smith's help does not come to fruition then the Historical Society will contact another surveyor.

Code Compliance Study:

Bob brought up the flyer again this meeting. We have to decide on what we need the flyer to look like to fit our needs. Overall costs for this flyer would include: approximately 375.00 for printing, postage would cost 275.00 for 2700 pieces of mail and the bulk mail permit would be 120.00 but would be for a year. The bulk mail permit would be in conjunction with the Willington Scholarship Fund.

Bob pointed out that the Code Compliance is the address the shortcomings of the tavern. Once these shortcomings are addressed, the public would be allowed to use the tavern for functions. Bob listed the shortcomings: emergency lighting, lighted exit signs, ADA compliant bathroom, two ramps and widen three doorways. Costs will run 15,000.00.

Jared Sparks Exhibit:

Bob has started researching Jared Spark for the planned exhibit. He suggested that those present start research of their own and share it via email. He named various accomplishments that we could start with: Unitarian Minister, Educator, First American Historian to Washington letters and Chaplain to the House of Representatives. Early life in Willington could also be

researched. We set a goal of completion. We would like to see the exhibit up and running for the Flea Market.

Garage door sills for the Glazier Tavern:

This is an ongoing project. Subject was tabled.

Newsletter:

Subjects that will be included: Mark Palmer and his research on the town green, the Code Compliance Study, Jared Sparks Exhibit, and the need of a President for the Society as of September.

Building Permit Renewal:

Mark will email the town building official to check on this.

Other:

Bob brought up the Lillibridge materials that include marriage and death records. Bob and Mark will try to pick up the materials once the Covid protocols allow it. The materials can be added to the website as a possible data base.

New Business:

Historic District Commission:

The HDC is planning on making new plaques for the houses and buildings in the historic district. Bob showed a picture of the proposed design that will include the date and builder of each site.

Willington Day:

Sue received information about Willington Day that will occur on 8/28 at the River Road Complex from 11-3. We have until 7/31/21 to decide if we want to set up a small table with just flyers at this event. It was discussed that the Flea Market would be a better goal to strive for. Subject tabled.

Adjournment: Bob adjourned the meeting at 8:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Caron
Secretary
Willington Historical Society

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