

The Willington Historical Society
November Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday November 17, 2020
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Call to Order: Bob Shabot called the Willington Historical Society meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

Members present: Bob Shabot, Mark Masinda, Sheri Masinda, Sue Schur, Lisa Ferriere, Mary Beth Caron

Present to speak: No members of the public were present at the meeting. Bob used this time to speak about the following Glazier Tavern news:

- Paul Weigold removed a lawnmower from the property.
- There is another lawnmower that needs to be removed from the garage. The garage needs to be organized because the Hall family has offered a sleigh to the historical society. The garage space is needed for the storage of the sleigh.
- Joe Phillipi planted Indian corn this year. He is planning on planting more next year.
- There are hops planted on the property.
- The garden area needs to be tended and volunteers are needed for this project.
- The privy needs to be rebuilt. Volunteers are also needed for this project.

Approval of Minutes: Bob moved to approve the 9/29/20 minutes as presented from the former secretary. Sue seconded the motion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Sue presented the current treasurer's report. Bob motioned to accept the report as presented. Mark seconded. Five members in favor. One abstention.

Bob then asked Sue to give a status report on the historical society's investments. Sue reported that there was significant growth and increase in value in the portfolio. The investment manager indicated that no

changes were needed at this time. The prospects looked good for continued growth.

Old Business

Recording Secretary position:

Bob indicated that Mark Palmer was not able to fulfill the recording secretary position. Mary Beth Caron volunteered to take over the secretary position for the two year term. Bob moved to nominate Mary Beth as the recording secretary for the historical society for a two year term. Sue seconded. Five members in favor. One abstention.

Ruby Road Property:

Bob has been waiting for a reply from parties he contacted about the Ruby Road property. He will email the parties again. If there is no response then other avenues to get the work completed will be looked into. The historical society is willing to compensate willing parties for their time and effort.

Code Compliance Study:

The historical society needs funds for the completion of the Code Compliance Study for the Glazier tavern. A two sided mailer has been proposed to send out to the public to garnish said funds. The historical Society is working with the Scholarship committee to use their bulk mailing capabilities.

Garage door sills at the Glazier Tavern:

2 x 4 boards have been obtained and cut to length. Volunteers are needed to install sills.

New Business

Develop Jared Sparks Exhibit at Glazier Tavern:

Bob proposed replacing the railroad memorabilia exhibit with a Jared Sparks Exhibit. Sue proposed keeping the railroad memorabilia exhibit and creating the Jared Sparks exhibit in the taproom using the display case there. Bob had contacted Anything Printed and looked into the cost of display boards. Each 4 x 8 sheets would cost \$138.00.

Items for the Willington Wire article:

Bob brought up the need for ideas for the article. Mary Beth discussed bringing up the Code Compliance Study funds needed as a way to let the public know to watch for the mailer. Sue brought up doing a small informational piece on Jared Sparks.

Ideas for better electronic promotion:

Bob is going to contact Melanie about updating the website. He is also going to contact Tyler Hall about updating the Facebook page by adding the Code Compliance study mailer.

Other:

Bob brought up new acquisitions. An autograph book from the Eldredge family was recently obtained. A notebook from a Pastor Lillibridge has been offered to the society. Ways to safely acquire said notebook was discussed.

Adjournment: Bob adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Next meeting is January 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Caron
Secretary

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