



WEST MILFORD HERITAGE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2021

The oath of office was administered to new member, Thomas Decker

PRESENT: Robert Bailey, Harry Bedford, Tonya Cubby, Thomas Decker, Kristen Koerner, Hans Niederstrasser, Kerry O'Brien, Robert Pawlo, Brandon Romaine (late), Michael Van Hooker, Council Liaison Michael Chazukow

ABSENT: Loretta Heusser

GUESTS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Current Utility Invoices: PSE&G: \$22.91, Rockland Electric: \$125.04, Gas Direct Energy - \$8.73
- Trust Account: \$28,881.38, including \$15.00 donation from Ray Hicks, and expenditures to Highlander Productions for Videography Services for Enslow Concert of \$250.00 and to convert Reminisce presentations/recordings of \$600.00. September interest was not on the report at this time and will be included during next month's meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- The September 14 10, 2021 minutes were **approved** by a **motion** made by Kerry O'Brien, **seconded** by Michael Van Hooker.

MUSEUM BUSINESS:

- Tonya Cubby indicated that she spoke with Matt Romeo, painter contractor, and he indicated that he could update his quote but would not be painting until spring due to the fall weather conditions. Tonya Cubby has not had the chance to speak with the stone mason that Wallisch Estates utilized, Ed Sieber from Ringwood (973-728-7532).
- The Committee discussed WM Museum visitor numbers, and they continue to vary each week, from one to several visitors. Harry Bedford indicated that there were 5 visitors the previous Saturday.
- Maintenance at Museum: Tonya Cubby reported that they are working on getting the purchase orders approved for the furnace to be repaired. They have a quote and need someone to do a purchase order for it. The covers will need to be put on the AC units soon, as the weather is cool enough that we are not using them. The gutters will need to be cleaned out later this month. Michael Van Hooker said that he will take care of it.
- Discussed staffing assignments at the Museum for October and November.
- The Museum received a donation of bench from WM Women's Club at the Museum on 10/2/2021. Lots of photos were taken as members from the Women's Club arrived at various times. Thank you needs to be sent. Tonya Cubby indicated that we currently cannot leave the bench outside until it can be anchored somehow, due to concern of theft.
- Lazara Fernandez (new owner of the former Pioneer Tavern in UGL) took the 4 panels to be restored and will be given as a donation to the Museum. She will be taking them to Gatehouse, who did another restoration for Ms. Fernandez.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Arts Grant music program at the Museum – The Enslow Concert went well. Tonya Cubby said that she received a thank you note from Anne and Ridley Enslow indicating they would love to do another event with us. They did not want the event to be recorded and broadcasted on the cable network due to copyright issues, so we sign a form indicating that the recording was to be used only inside of the Museum.
- Robert Pawlo said he would get us a copy of an archival agreement to utilize so that we had it for future use.

- The 190th Anniversary Booklet is still in need of final editing work. Tonya Cubby still needs to order flash drives.
- Publicity/Press Release: None at this time.
- Museum Exhibits and Programs – Nothing new to report.
- Recent donations/inquiries: Request for information – Liz Holste requested information/photos for the first Newfoundland post office and information about E T Van Horn at the same building. Request for information on Weaver-Hough house in Newfoundland. We will need to review maps we have and see what we are able to identify and get back to her.
- Received a response from Robert Voorhees Jr regarding donation of Native American artifacts to the Museum. He gave additional information about his father and grandfather traveling from Paterson to Greenwood Lake in 1930s and stopping in farm fields, where these artifacts were found. He will be sending them to us.
- Michael Van Hooker said that Linda Bayer (former Macopin Homestead owner) was trying to get in touch with Museum to donate stuff. Tonya Cubby said that she believed Kerry O'Brien had spoken with her already.
- Robert Pawlo brought in information he received from Ann Genader, including a journal from Vreeland Store dating back to the Civil War, a WM PTA book, old time negatives 4x5 of various places in WM and neighboring towns, taken by Ann with a speed graphic camera in the 1960s, a 1879 receipt book, 1949-1950 Hillcrest School information. Hans Niederstrasser will see if he can scan the negatives. We will also look into purchasing for the Museum a scanner that can scan negatives. Bob Pawlo indicated Ann will be donating additional information in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following were reviewed by the Committee:

- NJ Historical Commission Newsletter
- Rowman & Littlefield Book Catalog
- Ridgewood Public Library – Virtual Presentation – Identifying 18th Century Furniture 9/28/2021
- AASLH – Weekly Dispatch
- AASLH – Fall Online Courses and Upcoming Webinars
- Ringwood Manor Fall Events (sent via email)

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm by unanimous consent. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Approved: November 9, 2021

Submitted by Kristen Koerner, Secretary