



Derry Heritage Commission

Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2021

Present: Karen Blandford-Anderson (Chairperson), TJ Cullinane, Paul Lindemann, Marc Wiseman, and Catherine Baumann.

Absent: Mark Mastromarino

7:00pm Call to order.

7:00pm Chairman's Report

Approval of minutes from October 4, 2021, meeting.

- Motion was made by Catherine Baumann and seconded by to approve Paul Lindemann the minutes with one change.

Update on Civil War Book

- Donations have been made to: Pinkerton Academy, Rotary Club (2) (one for raffle at dinner and one to be donated to one of the middle schools, West Running Brook Middle School, Taylor Library, McGregor Library, and American Legion.
- Library has purchased 10 copies for \$200 total, and this will be a internal transfer of funds.
- We'll set up a Google Sheet to track the inventory and sales going forward.
- TJ and Paul to look into stocking copies at local bookstores in and around Southern NH (Concord, Manchester, Exeter, and Portsmouth)
- Additional projects will be after the first of the year.
- Next meeting Karen will present information about the sales and status.

Current Projects/Museum Projects

- Paul Lindemann presented list of projects for the Heritage Commission for 2022
 - Open Museum – Strategy & Plan, Reorganization & Clean, and Staffing & Hours.
 - KBA will invite Kaleigh to the next meeting, but in advance of that will schedule a working session at the museum to get things open again while
 - Paul looked a free-standing air purifier for circulation. This question might be for Public Works department.

- TJ mentioned that the museum has been occupied every Wednesday evening with the Junior Historian Club acting as tour guides/docents.
- Opening the museum – “Masks Appreciated but not required”, staff not required and use your discretion. KBA Calendar of Saturday – Jan/March to get things scheduled. Including Mark Mastromarino.
- Working session tentatively scheduled for January 8th. KBA will send out the invitation via email.
- Finish Books – Civil War Hardcover/ Sales Plan, and ABCs of Derry Coloring Book
- Holdings for Museum Database – Tweak Omeka, Training, and Entering Inventory Items.
- Town Historian – Reopen the discussion about Town Historian.
- Friends of Forest Hills Cemetery – Website, Recruiting, Activities, and Launch of new program.
 - Launch this spring in conjunction with Heritage Day (potentially in early June)
 - Then plan for a tour at that time.
- Community Outreach – Full Website, Social Media Stream, and Talks
 - Website expansion to coincide with the new museum opening
 - Kaleigh to be included.
- Friends of the Forest Hills Cemetery
 - Four projects were completed out of the five that we’re planned.
 - Last project with crypt reconstruction will have to wait until the spring.
 - Behind on cleaning which will start up again in the spring
 - Big group come through to do a tour and then the spooky tour with the Jr. Historians.
 - Spoke to the Rotary group and donated a book to the middle school
 - Speaking in the future:
 - January 27th Story Tellers hours from Derry NH and Derry Ireland through the Library Reach out.
 - February 16th TJ will do the John Stark Tour
 - March 28th Civil War Roundtable event.
 - Did a tour of the Civil War of Newburyport.
 - Did a presentation of Henniker and the Civil War which the volunteers help to put together and some of the volunteers were part of the presentation.
 - Civil War (Sons of the Veterans of the Civil War) would like to put up a display in the Town Hall Cases. TJ to connect them with Mark Mastromarino.
- Dave Caron to see about signs and why the date of 1827 is on the signs and not 1719.
- Robert Frost/Stagecoach Byway meeting was cancelled when the organizer didn’t show up to the meeting. Safety audit for the byway is due in 2022 that happens. New meeting would be February (tentatively scheduled.)