



Derry Heritage Commission Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2020
3rd Floor Training Room
Derry Municipal Center

Present: Karen Blandford-Anderson, TJ Cullinane, March Wiseman, Catherine Bauman,
Mark Mastromarino, Curator, and Paul Lindemann.

Missing: Nicole Chalfant

Chairperson's Report

- Ancestry.com membership: Paul Lindemann made a motion "To authorize the Chairperson to look into the cost of a year's subscription to Ancestry. Com up to \$350." (Seconded by TJ Cullinane) Passed 6-0.
- Acquisitions
- Approval of Minutes from 10-5-20 – Paul Lindemann Moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Catherine Berman. Approved 5-0

Museum Report – Mark Mastromarino

- The tree near 1 Pinkerton Ave is NOT from Matthew Thornton. Mark found a photo from 1835 and the tree was not there. (Note from 10-05-20 Meeting Notes)
- Scanner has been installed in the Office at the Museum (Epson). Software has been installed on the museum laptop.
- Harriet Chase Newell Books – Paul Lindemann will speak with Ruth Lee Root to see if she will grant us permission to digitize the books.
- Aviation Museum is asking if they can "borrow" items from us to use for their Apollo 14 Exhibit, which would have to be replicas or facsimiles and he will follow-up.
- Association Hall – Karen and Mark attended the Zoning Board meeting to speak in favor of the variance for Mixed use to be reapplied.
- 1727 Coin was found on the Cargill Mill Site – Arthur Caras said they would loan it to us.
- Postal Sorter – can it go to the Frost Farm or potentially First Parish Church.
 - Rick – where did it come from and is it historic. Mark to follow-up with Rick on history and potential value to the town.
- Alan Cote has the pulley from the old Janney Factory he wants to give to the town.

- Wooden disc from the tree have been cut. Mark wants to give a thank you gift to the people who cut the discs. Commemorative Coins were approved by the commission for Mark to take from the display case.
- Acquisitions:
 - Hood Jr. High Doll (\$20 from Rick Holmes)
 - Original 300th Anniversary Time Capsule from the Library (Transferred Ownership)

Friends of the Forest Hills Cemetery – TJ Cullinane

- TJ walked around and determined that the cemetery is not in bad shape at the moment.
- Genealogy – Stan Gerrity, the nephew of Edgar C. Hartford contacted TJ who saw the photo on the find a grave and TJ sent him a better scan of the grave and a photo of Edgar from our WW exhibit.
- TJ presented the Top Hat to Steve Dente (Citizen of the Year). Presentation was a Tupelo Hall, outside.
- Outreach – TJ does the John Stark talk at Fort Number 4 every year, and doing some research came across the fact there were African Americans in the troop that left Fort Number 4 to Fort Bennington, (Sip Ives).
- New Hampshire – WWI – Information has been uncovered as we did the WWI exhibit, TJ – “A Small Town and the Great War” and potentially the women in WWI story needs to be told.

Focus -

1. Open the Museum with new exhibit
2. Updating Museum Inventory
3. Video/Digital Speaker Series

Current Project

- Civil War Book – Layout is moving along – TJ to review the book in total.
 - Should be ready for review 2nd week of January.
 - Indexing will be done at the same time as the review.
- Video/Photo Series
 - Alan Shepard Presentation (Originally given by Rick Holmes) will be the first one to create. TJ to create the script and work with Mark and Paul to create a program for a watch party to view the program.
- Exhibit Plan
 - Catherine and Karen will do a walkthrough and plan for layout of new exhibit.
- Terry McMaster came from Albany to find some information on his ancestors. Paul worked with him on Saturday to show him around.
- Hood Park vitalization is still looking for responses from the online survey are needed and encouraged.
- Meeting House at First Parish
 - Elevator connector building has been sided and exterior is completed

- Started work for the elevator
- 2021 projects are painting the exterior and finishing the inside of the elevator building.
- Robert Frost/Stagecoach Byway Committee Group – Catherine Bauman
 - They are working on map on the website with points of interest.
 - Recent Photo with old photos – looking for photos for the map
 - Promoting their presence - Granite State Ambassadors.
 - www.Frost-stagecoach-byway.org
- Arts Council Meeting – Mark Wiseman
 - Attended the Zoom Meeting
 - Talked about Hood Park
 - Draining the Pond was discussed
 - Downtown Mural
 - Future Mural – Pinkerton, Bike Trail – Alan Shepard Moon Shot as a mural

Adjourned 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted: Karen Blandford-Anderson, Chairperson.