

Approved – 4-0 (October 5, 2020)

Derry Heritage Commission Meeting – Monday, August 17, 2020

Derry Museum of History – 29 W. Broadway, Derry, NH 03038

7:00pm

Call to order – Pledge of allegiance

Present: Karen Blandford-Anderson, Chairperson, Paul Lindemann, Vice Chair, Mark Wiseman, Catherine Baumann, Mark Mastromarino

On Zoom – TJ Cullinane

Chairman's report – Karen Blandford-Anderson

- Introduction of new member and presentation of pins.

Museum Report – Mark Mastromarino

- Accessions:
 - Brenda Keith still has the stitching machine to bring over. Moving the shoe display to make room for a new display.
 - Roberta Robie collection has been placed upstairs in the storage space and will be reviewed before completely inventoried.
 - Arthur Caras has a wooden sleigh (potentially ice sleigh). Paul is on the Hood Park committee and will bring it up with them.
- De-accessions: None
- New software – Omeka has been chosen to support our inventory.
- We acquired about 4 boxes Eclectic magazine. Will be given without putting it into inventory, to Pinkerton's Alumni Hall.
- Display in the Town Municipal Center: Mark will update the cases with information Primaries.
- Opening Plan
 - Look to open by appointment only at first and transition into opening more regularly.
 - Reorganizing the museum before we reopen.
- Museum Plan – we'll be working on a plan to focus the Commission on the ways to bring more history out to the public. Karen will start a GoogleDoc and share it with the team to add their input.
- History Project – Pandemic documenting the stories of the townspeople during this time oral history. Meeting with the Library liaisons via Zoom on Tuesday, August 18th.

Approved – 4-0 (October 5, 2020)

Boston Post Cane

- Ilene Blanchard turned 104 and will accept the Boston Post Cane remotely. Karen will work with her daughter to present her with the cane and a certificate. Photo will then be place in the Town Municipal Center.

Friends of the Forest Hill Cemetery – T.J. Cullinane

- The vandalism in the cemetery on military markers that seep over to the headstones.
- Looks like someone has done some cleaning to the McGregor headstone.
- TJ wrote a letter to the “future Derry residents” as part of the Pandemic Project with the library.
- Paul has scraped the old site for text and images, and registered Friends of Forest Hill domain name that is ready to use.
- Paul and TJ will get together to review the information.
- Paul is working on a tri-fold about the cemetery and will finish it to release it at the time we launch.

Planning for the Fall of 2020 – Paul Lindemann

- Time Capsule –
 - Working to complete the process of packaging the elements to put things in sleeves then putting it into the time capsule and sealing it into the vault.
 - Ryan Lessard (Union Leader) donated his collection of news items from the 300th coverage of the paper.
 - Painting to the front of the safe, Paul will get back in touch with the painter that originally was slated to
- Coins – how many are left. Karen to reach out to Dan Healy to see what was left in inventory.
- Museum Projects –
 - Photos book still need to be identified with the help from Rick Holmes.
 - Karen to regroup with Rick Holmes to see how best to get this information
 - Paul will assist us with technology if we want to video tape his information.
- Book Projects
 - Coloring book – A-Z coloring book. Images are done and information is ready to be put together.
 - Civil War Book by TJ Cullinane – still on the docket.
- Website
 - Starting up more information and getting more publicity out on the museum and the activities. Beefing up the digital stuff.
 - Content is the key to producing
 - Mark will commit to doing a monthly blog
 - TJ brought up that we should make better use of the WWI exhibit as a blog or information.

Approved – 4-0 (October 5, 2020)

- New Business

- Matthew Thornton chestnut tree – each of the delegate was given some chestnut to plant a tree. The tree is coming down and Mark is working on getting some of the wood for posterity and/or some of the chestnut to root.
- Future projects – historical signs around town. Town Council, Bev Donavon? Walking tour app.
- 50th Anniversary of Apollo 14th flight. February 6th. We should plan something for that day. Exhibit, video, multi-medias presentation.
- Paul mentioned that there is interest around the state about the Abenaki. Perhaps there would be some interest in the canoe as part of the outreach.
- Pinkerton – getting two state historic markers and are nominating the old building to the historical registry. The Trustees appear to be the ones who initiated it and have now pulled Mark into the process.
- Looking to get a State Markers for Lafayette.