

CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2026

The April 17, 2026 meeting at the Alice Ward Memorial Library was attended by Dennis Fuller, Sally Masson, Harland Crawford, Georgiana Carr, Nancy Petro, and Gayl Tjornehoj. Carol Reynolds was also present.

1. Dennis Fuller called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
2. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2025, meeting.
3. Sally presented the Treasurer's report, which was approved and placed on file.
4. Update on phone – No change in telephone billing status. The phone was discontinued in 2025.
5. The Vermont Secretary of the State requires a biennial report. This has been forwarded to that office along with a fee of \$70.00 to keep us updated.
6. The library building renovation project is not on schedule. Many factors are holding up the works.
7. The Vermont unclaimed unemployment tax credit has not been finalized. The Town of Canaan will be receiving these funds when they arrive.
8. A community concert is being planned for July 18, 2026 to celebrate the Town of Canaan's 250th birthday. The society will work on a presentation and have a table at the event in the rec park.
9. Per town meeting approval \$2,000 will be appropriated to the society in November.
10. Volume I of Cowan's books is sold out. A motion was made by Sally Masson, seconded by Nancy Petro, and passed unanimously to order 50 additional copies from the publisher.
11. The audio for Canaan's Pioneer Trail site is up and running. A QR code is in the works.
12. All area Historical Societies will meet April 21, 2026 at the Colebrook Town Hall to plan 4th of July participation.
13. No students are interested in working at the museum. No grant is needed for this project.
14. Flower bulb fundraiser through Van Engelen, Inc will be sponsored by Canaan VT Historical Society. Preorder in September receive bulbs in October. Motion by Geogiana Carr and seconded by Carol Reynolds all in favor to go with this project.
15. Other business – A. We will participate in Moosely information. B. Received a thank you from Canaan School thanking us for fund given them for their help in moving assets from the Carriage House in Beecher Falls storage. C. We were asked to sponsor a presentation of a Jay Craven movie for the public. This task has been awarded to the Canaan Naturally Connected. D. St. Thomas Bell to receive a covering in the near future. E. Gayl Tjornehoj spoke of her trip to Antarctica this past winter.
16. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Submitted by Harland Crawford