

CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2026

The August 21, 2026 meeting at the Alice Ward Memorial Library was attended by Dennis Fuller, Harland Crawford, Georgiana Carr, James Bower and Diana Rancourt (via phone).

1. Dennis Fuller called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.
2. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2026 meeting.
3. Sally Masson presented the Treasurer's report, which was approved and placed on file. The committee acknowledged a generous \$1,000 donation from an anonymous donor to support working capital. It was noted that interest from the CD could also be used for this purpose. A donation receipt will be mailed to the donor for tax documentation.
4. A memo from Gayl Tjornehoj was reviewed. It was suggested that members look over the documents in preparation for discussion at the September meeting.
5. A tent malfunction because of wind shortened our exhibit at the 250th celebration in the rec park. None of our items were damaged. A few Stump to Mill books were sold at the Sugar on Snow.
6. Tentative date for Jay Craven movie is Thursday, October 29, 2026 from 1 to 3 pm. CMHS principal has given permission to use gymnasium. No charge for this public event. We were awarded \$1,000 from a Dash Grant from Neil and Louise Tillotson NH Charitable Foundation to cover expenses. Of course, donations are always accepted.
7. Volume III of Fred Cowan's book is in the preliminary stages.
8. QR Code for Pioneer Trail site in Canaan is set up.
9. Local historical Society meeting in Pittsburg to be on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 9 am.
10. Susan Gosselin had donated a quilt made by her mother to the Society a number of years ago. A family member would like it to stay in the family. A motion was made by Georgiana and seconded by Harland. All in favor of returning it to them.
11. Orders are coming in for flower bulb fundraiser, all those interested get an order form.
12. A scroll for a mural in the works in Beecher Falls will depict a timeline of railroad, factory and other interesting topics of the Town.
13. After discussion, a motion by Harland and seconded by Georgiana, all in favor to seek grant monies for all projects.
14. All necessary paperwork sent to lawyer pertaining to the purchase of Bea Holmes house. Waiting for their return to put this project in motion. Discussion on priorities for new museum. Discussion on trustee and members list. Society by-laws to be examined at September meeting.
15. No executive session needed.
16. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Submitted by Harland Crawford