

CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

Dennis Fuller, Sally Masson, Diana Rancourt, Monique Petrofsky and Zachary Brown were present for the November 15, 2024 meeting held at the Alice Ward Memorial Library.

1. Dennis Fuller called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.
2. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve minutes of the October 18, 2024 meeting.
3. Sally presented the Treasurer's report which was approved and placed on file.
4. Cowan book – newspaper ad – Press releases have been sent to the papers in the past. An ad for \$39 has been sent to the Colebrook Chronicle for the Friday after Thanksgiving as approved by the members via email. Diana will send an ad for \$32 into the Coos County Democrat for the week of Thanksgiving as approved by the members. Monique will restock Volume I and II at the Great North Woods Gallery.
5. Pioneer trail, purchase of building/land, building acct, empty house, meeting with Selectboard, town meeting, listers, warned article – We will work on projects in three phases: 1. Pioneer Trail, 2. Storage unit and 3. Possibility of purchasing a building.
 - A. Dennis met with the Selectboard on November 12th for permission to install the Pioneer Trail silhouette in the Fletcher Park instead of the Beecher Falls Park where it will be B.M.E Holmes and they were in all fine with this change. Dennis will contact the group from Canada to let them know.
 - B. Purchase of building/land – there were concerns of buying a building/land, what if Dennis gets done who would take care of the Historical Society, after some discussion it was determined we need to find younger people to join the Society. Monique will draft an email to send to all members for a tour of Bob and Rita Lee's house as we discuss and explore possible places for purchase and relocation in the future. This will take place on December 5th at 10 am.
 - C. Building account , empty house – to be discussed at a later time.
 - D. Town Meeting – Zach suggested that the purchase of a building be brought up before the Town at a Town Meeting.
 - E. Listers - In order to become tax-exempt, it would need to be approved by the listers.
 - E. Warned article for the Town report to be discussed at a later date.
6. Library grant/storage unit - Dennis aired his grievance at the Selectboard meeting on November 12th with the new plans for the Library. He asked the board to help find storage for the items in the Carriage House of the Library, that would to be moved in the renovation. Zach attended this meeting to discuss these issues further. He looked at the old selectboard minutes to see if there was any formal action taken by regarding their involvement with the Historical Society and the Library with no luck.
7. Christmas Letters – All present approved sending out Happy Holiday letters. Dennis will send a copy of the letter to Patricia Grover to send to Alumni's.
8. By-laws will be reviewed at the December 20th meeting.

9. Wassail Party – Society’s Wassail Party will be on December 20, 2024 after our regular meeting. Sally will organize the lunch.
10. Other business – Dennis bought a lard pail from E-bay and hopefully can display it at the Wassail Party.
11. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Diana Rancourt