

CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2023

Sally Masson, Dennis Fuller, Harland Crawford, Diana Rancourt, Walter Noyes, Georgiana Carr, Monique Petrofsky and Nancy Petro were present for the December 15, 2023 meeting held at the Alice Ward Memorial Library.

1. Dennis Fuller called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.
2. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve minutes of the November 17, 2023 meeting.
3. Additions/deletions to agenda – None
4. Sally Masson presented the Treasurer's report which was approved and placed on file.
5. Update on Fred Cowan's book – Volume I of Fred Cowan's book still for sale and Volume II will be available for sale on Monday, December 18, 2023. Some have been preordered.
6. Meeting with Library Trustees – Dennis met with the Library Trustees and he was informed that the Society can remain in the library building.
7. Pioneer Trail Grant – The Tillotson North Country Foundation grant is still pending to help fund the Pioneer Trail project. We might have to apply for a grant through the Neil and Louise Tillotson New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.
8. Christmas letter – A Christmas letter was sent to members and friends of the Society. Good feedback on accomplishments in 2023.
9. A motion by Georgiana Carr and seconded by Sally Masson all in favor to not hold meetings in January, February and March. If a special meeting is needed so be it.
10. Phone – Our new phone number is 802-266-3007. It is not manned all the time so leave a message and will get a call back as soon as possible.
11. Other business: Motion by Nancy Petro and seconded by Harland Crawford to apply for a DASH grant for plaques depicting historical places in Canaan. All were in favor. A new grant to hire students to help work at the Museum will be applied for. Current funds are almost depleted for this year. The Beecher Falls theater curtain is on loan to the Society from Henri and Claudette Morais. Per a letter to the Society by them the ownership would transfer to David and Wanita Begin after their deaths. Possibility of monies for Town organizations supplied by Electric Company that would transfer electricity through the Town of Canaan discussion on how we could use this money. Eclipse of the sun on April 8, 2024 could be a chance to gain proceeds by selling something.
12. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Wassail Party followed the meeting at 4:00 pm. About 15 people enjoyed a light lunch accompanied by hot wassail per Gana's recipe with delicious food supplied by the members.. Dennis narrated a slideshow of copies of some of the glass plate negatives from Bea Holmes collection. These were taken by Mr. Lund around 1900.

Submitted by:

Harland Crawford