

CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 17, 2026

The July 17, 2026 meeting at the Alice Ward Memorial Library was attended by Dennis Fuller, Harland Crawford, Georgiana Carr, James Bower, Monique Petrofsky, Carol Reynolds, Nancy Petro, and Gayl Tjornehoj.

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 June 19, 2026 meeting.
3. Gana presented the Treasurer's report, which was approved and placed on file.
4. We received the check from the Vermont Department of Labor for the unclaimed tax credit, and it was determined that the funds belong to the Historical Society rather than the Town.
5. Community Concert/250th Anniversary Celebration – All set to set up a tent with some of our assets to display. Looks like rain for the 250th celebration concert in the rec park on July 18th from 4 to 8.
6. Jay Craven Movie – DASH Grant. A \$1,000 DASH grant was submitted to cover the cost of showing the Jay Craven film. Two dates in October are available to view the Jay Craven movie of Vermont to be decided.
7. Cowan's books – Volume I and Volume II books were donated to Averill Lakes Association to raffle at their meeting. Volume III is in the preliminary stage.
8. Pioneer Trail/QR code – A QR code is being set up for the Pioneer Trail site in Canaan by Frank Sawicki. Dennis will meet next week with Pioneer Trail Executives from Canada.
9. A nice brochure depicting area Historical Societies was viewed. Will be available to the public soon.
10. Order forms and an ad in the newspaper will be available shortly for the flower bulb project.
11. David Begin is looking for historical facts to be on a mural. He is designing for a mural depicting Beecher Falls.
12. Other business: David Begin has offered to lease part of the Post Office building in Beecher Falls for a museum for our Historical Society. Much discussion on this topic.

Executive Session – Non-Public Session: The Board entered Executive Session to discuss another matter. Motions to enter and exit Executive Session were made and seconded by members present. The Board exited Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting.

13. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Submitted by Harland Crawford