

CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2021

Dennis Fuller, Monique Petrofsky, Sally Masson, Nancy Petro, Robert Lee, Diana Rancourt, Harland Crawford and guests Keith Gamsby and Alfred Buckley were present for the September 17, 2021 meeting held at the Alice Ward Memorial Library.

1. Dennis Fuller called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.
2. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve minutes of the August 20, 2021 meeting.
3. Sally Masson presented the Treasurer's report which was approved and placed on file.
4. Anchor - A lengthy discussion with Alfred Buckley, who wants to display the anchor in Fletcher Park, consumed much of the first half of the meeting. He feels the anchor should stay in Canaan and has a petition with 40 or more signatures. We responded that the Canaan Historical Society had voted to offer the anchor to the Pittsburg Historical Society, as the anchor had been used on the Connecticut Lakes when logs and pulp were boomed across the lake in the early days of the logging business in that area. They voted to accept the anchor and promised to find a suitable trade item when they finish their inventory of their museum. The Pittsburg Town Park is more suitable for displaying the anchor and we believe we have made the right decision.
5. Episcopal Church - Robert Lee previous meetings find the Episcopal Diocese would give the Church building on Powerhouse Road to the Town of Canaan for use as a Historical Society Headquarters. Now a string is attached. If Town sells Church, Town will reimburse Episcopal Diocese for stained glass windows. The windows are estimated at a value of \$45,000 by a company in Massachusetts. The windows are 100 years old and are very fragile. They must be refurbished at a great cost. Upkeep on the Church is \$2,000 a year. Canaan Vermont Historical Society vote in the affirmative to support the Church in the grant application process.
6. Fred Cowan's Book - No copyright on Fred's stories. An agreement will be coming soon for the Society to vote on and no monetary gain is expected on the Cowan's heir's part.
7. Garage house clean up - Saw beetles need to be exterminated first and Town of Canaan should support the Library in doing this.
8. Future meetings - Dennis suggested limiting meeting from January to March. Monique will hold meetings if needed in his absence.
9. Other business - Monique will be organizing correspondence papers from Bea Holmes Estate. Dedication of Beecher Falls Gazebo September 26, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.
10. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Submitted by:

Harland Crawford