

Zoom GHS meeting 12:30  
4/14/20 "At Home"

Present: Nancy Hill, Willie Smith, Lise Armstrong, Paula Harmon, Clive Gray, B.J. Gray, Janet Long, Jenny Stoner, Lynette Courtney, Leslie Rowell, Kyle Gray, Allison Gardner, Wendy Parrish

#### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Nancy opened the meeting with a thank you to those who helped at the GHS Winter Meeting when Linda Radtke sang songs and shared history of the Women's suffrage movement. 60 women in Greensboro took the Freeman's Oath in 1920, 100 years ago, when women finally got the right to vote.

#### Other comments:

The DRB approved the GHS application for a variance for the Hinman Road sign at our preferred spot at the ballfield. Paperwork has been sent to the state for approval and the State hopefully will get back to us by fall.

Idea from Wendy: In 2021 4th of July parade could highlight the new sign.

The Director of the Vermont Historical Society, Steve Perkins, came to Greensboro on February 19 to do videos for "This Place in History" and used the Hill Farmstead and Bailey Hazen monument. For link, see

<https://vermonthistory.org/this-place-in-history>

Leslie Rowell was thanked for making thermal curtains for the Archive Room. As well as holding in building heat, these can keep sunlight from the collections and moderate the humidity in summer.

#### HISTORY MOMENT:

Willie read from a Wallace Stegner article "The Northeast Kingdom" published both in Country Journal and a book, "American Places", about the area near Long Pond.

February Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

#### INDEXING:

Pat Haslam has done a wonderful job of indexing each issue of the Hazen Road Dispatch for more than 40 years. She wants to retire and will be happy to instruct anyone who is willing to do the indexing in the future. Please tell Nancy if you would like to take on the indexing project.

#### HAZEN ROAD DISPATCH:

Jenny reported that Gail is pleased with the 2020 HRD. Both Gail and Hu are doing well, she said.

#### SUMMER PLANS:

Jenny is working on the spring newsletter but many upcoming events are uncertain. The planned exhibit of Greenfield Highlander Cattle has been postponed until next year, due to the uncertainty about Covid-19 restrictions. If we are able to open the building, Janet suggested using the scrapbooks of past exhibits. A committee was formed to work on an exhibit if it becomes possible to open the building: Jenny, Willie, Lynette, Kyle, Erika

The annual meeting in August will be discussed at the May meeting when we may have a better idea of the unknown future. Paul Bierman is not available in 2020 but may be willing to be the speaker in 2021. Plans for the ice cream social and book sale are still uncertain.

Kyle volunteered to do a profile on Marion Babbie who will be 100 years old on May 6 and has been a docent at GHS since she arrived in Greensboro.

#### BUILDING TOPICS:

It was voted to go ahead with the floor refinishing this spring. Tom Hayes of Top Notch has said he may be able to start soon. The town has covered the cost in its Capital Budget.

We have found that because the cost for painting the building will be over \$5000, it must be put out to bid. Painters must have had "lead abatement" training and have insurance. Allison and Lynette will get in touch with experts to get more information about whether one or two coats are necessary etc. A Paint Committee was formed to make decisions about the project: Jenny, Lise, Allison, Lynette, Nancy

#### CORONAVIRUS DISCUSSION:

Willie and Kyle are taking pictures of village life under the shutdown. Willie and Kyle are discussing the best method to provide a blog which would allow the public to post comments about this era. It was suggested that they might contact Leslie Campos, the Lakeview 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to ask if she is doing any projects on the subject with her students.

#### OTHER:

The Greensboro Association grant applications are due at the end of May, and GHS could apply to help finance a "coronavirus era" project

The GHS application for \$5000 to the Vermont Community Foundation last fall was denied. Kyle explained that the project was designed to look at farms of the past and record how the buildings are used today. (Highland Lodge, Hill Farmstead, etc.)

The Greensboro Energy Committee was scheduled to measure the windows of the GHS building for energy-saving window inserts, but the "social distancing" order interfered and they have not yet been measured.

A donation of \$200 was sent from GHS to the Hardwick Gazette to help keep them afloat. Willie mentioned that they have always recorded our history.

Meeting over about 2:15

**Next Meeting: May 12, 2020** (probably by Zoom)

Secretaries Pro Tem: Erika Karp, BJ Gray

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