

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom)  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

**Attending:** Nancy Hill, Willie Smith, Kyle Gray, Clive Gray, Alison Gardner, Jenny Stoner, Debbie Kasper, Janet Long, Mark Snyder, Paula Harmon, Gail Sangree, Erika Karp, Leslie Rowell, BJ Gray, Lise Armstrong

**Submitted by:** Alison Gardner, Temporary Secretary

**History Moment:** BJ shared a copy of the hand drawn title history of her property located at 83 Cemetery Ridge. The small building was a Blacksmith Shop that changed hands frequently since its first owners, the Stevens built it in 1838. BJ remarked that Russell Deming may have other hand drawn title history stored in his attic that may be of interest to the GHS.

#### **President Report**

Nancy Hill related she received a thank you from Eileen Cochran for the GHS materials (photos and text) for their exhibit on the history of 17 VT historical societies. Jenny, Willie, Kyle, Nancy and Leslie contributed to this effort. Nancy thinks that the materials gathered would make a nice brochure for the GHS. The exhibit will be in the VHS museum in April and later on-line.

**Action/follow-up:** Nancy will send a copy of the materials to everyone and information (date and time) about the VT HS museum exhibit.

#### **Secretary Report**

The minutes were accepted without changes.

#### **Treasurer Report**

Lise mentioned that a large memorial donation of \$5000 was recently received. Jenny commented on the larger amount of donations received in the last few months. A discussion followed on having less frequent treasurer's report.

**Action/follow-up:** It was decided that Lise would generate and send quarterly financial reports to the Board and report on any significant financial change at monthly meetings.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Hazen Road Dispatch**

Gail reported that the 2021 issue has had a good start with new writers and voices with articles coming from Hardwick, Craftsbury and Greensboro. There are about 8 articles and a remembrance for Pat Haslam. Her deadline to have all articles prepared and ready for the printer is May 1<sup>st</sup> so that it can be printed and ready for distribution early in June. A short discussion regarding the price for the 2021 issue followed. The local printer (Barre) who prints the GHS newsletter will also print the HRD for the first time this year; his estimate from last year was significantly lower compared to the printer used in the past.

**Action/follow-up:** The price for the 2021 issue of the HRD was set at \$8 (current price). Anyone who has memories of Pat Haslam that would like to have included in the HRD remembrance for her please send them to Nancy Hill by April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Newsletter**

Given the schedule for mailing the Spring newsletter in early June, Jenny suggested discussing newsletter articles and making assignments at our next meeting when we will have a better idea of our summer exhibit and other plans.

### **Archive Happenings**

Leslie reported on her recent activities. Leslie and Willie met to review the procedures and policies for the archives. To support this, Leslie has been researching resources to support this. In McKenna's absence, Leslie reported on her work updating the Memorial Garden Book and collating the index to be added to the web page. She has continued to work with Pat Haslam's papers preparing them for archiving.

### **Greensboro Barns**

Kyle reported that he has uploaded the 42/43 barn pictures from the 1995 GHS barn exhibit done by David Perham. There is little information about most of the barns pictured; to address this he has asked members to adopt 2 barns and research them through interviewing current owners. He will send a list of questions to ask. Kyle related that barns that have fallen down as well as new barns can be included.

**Action/follow-up:** Kyle will send a list of questions to members who have "adopted" barns. He will also provide a list of the barns not "adopted" as yet so members who have not identified barns to research can.

### **Building Committee**

Lise reported that 3 bids for the painting the GHS building this spring/summer; they range from \$7,700 to \$10,300. The bid selection will be made by the select board at their virtual meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Lise will deliver the estimates to the town clerk later today and will attend the meeting.

### **Membership Initiative**

Alison related that she has put together some data on membership and donations provided by Lise and has researched and identified the issues for the MI Committee to discuss. The first meeting is planned for next week.

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

### **Summer 2021**

Nancy led a discussion of the GHS summer exhibit and activities for the coming summer. An exhibit on the history of cattle in Greensboro was planned for last summer. It was related that the books for the book sale are in good shape, however, many more books are needed. There

will be a dedication of the State Historical Society's Hinman Rd. sign; Nancy has not heard anything yet and she hopes that a walk along part of Hinman Rd. could also be planned. Regarding the Annual meeting which usually takes place in August, perhaps there could be a barn tour. Too early to decide about having the annual ice cream social.

**Action/follow-up:** Nancy will contact the cattle exhibit folks to see if they are interested in exhibiting at the GHS this summer. At the next GHS Board meeting summer events will be further discussed and hopefully decisions can be taken.

### **Newsletter Mini-profiles**

The GHS was asked to write and include an article about Lib Bishop, a GHS supporter, who passed away last year, in our newsletter. Currently the newsletter includes the names of Greensboro residents (summer/year-round) who have passed away. It would be difficult to write articles and we would not have the space to include all of them.

**Action/follow-up:** Nancy, Jenny and Lise will discuss this issue and decide the way forward and share this with the Board.

### **Establishing a "Development" Committee**

Nancy pointed out the need for a committee to deal with some of the larger financial issues of the organization, such as, researching and planning for grants, fundraising and the possibility of starting a GHS Endowment Fund. Lise volunteered to join the group and Alison suggested she would be happy to join once the MI Committee which has some overlap has finished its work.

**Action/follow-up:** Establishing a Development Committee was tabled until the next meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING — Tuesday, April 13 @ 10 a.m.**

After determining that most everyone would be fully vaccinated by the time of our meeting, Erika asked if we could have a "hybrid" meeting with those vaccinated meeting in person and others using Zoom.

**Action/follow-up:** Nancy will see if a partial in-person meeting along with a Zoom option would be a possibility and let us know.