

Greensboro Historical Society

Annual Meeting

July 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, BJ Gray at 7:05 PM. The first order of business was a big “thank you” to Gail Sangree for her 23 years as editor of the *Hazen Road Dispatch*.

BJ read the following tribute written by Daniel Metraux.

I would like to thank Gail for her brilliant term as HRD editor. She has transformed the HRD into a joyful and superb publication that makes Greensboro proud. I created the HRD to be an ample repository of scholarship of local and regional history. Gail's highly professional work has realized this ambition. I wish her well.

A gift of the authoritative Vermont history - *Freedom and Unity: A History of Vermont* will be given to her when she arrives in Greensboro.

Alison Gardner was thanked for her extensive help with the HRD with editing, technical layout, marketing and much more.

Jenny Stoner made the report of the Nominating Committee.

President : BJ Gray

Vice-President: Erika Karp

Secretary: Amelia Circosta

Treasurer: Lise Armstrong

For trustees

For 1 year term (2024)– Jane Johns – joining Debbie Kasper

For 2 year term – (2025) Mark Snyder – joining Paula Harmon

For 3 year terms – (2026) Skip Hoblin and Renee Circosta

The slate was elected as presented.

Nancy Hill introduced the evening’s program – **The Flood of 2023**

Bob Merrill, a geologist spoke first explaining the geological conditions that contributed to the flooding.

Clay Simpson spoke on the flood of 1927, pointing out similarities and differences. 1927 was more serious with 84 deaths. There was also a conflict with Hardwick Electric Co. about regulating the water level.

Stew Arnold talked about the impact of the 2023 flooding on the lake and roads, showing a power point of many photos.. (Thanks to Kyle Gray for assembling the photos into a fine presentation.) Stew also made comparisons with the flood of 1973 and Irene in 2011.

Karl Stein, Town Health Officer told of the preparation that was done to be ready for emergency responses, starting on Sunday (before the big storm on Monday evening). Hardwick Rescue Squad organized crews and all the local towns had first responders ready to help. He and representatives of other towns continue to report regularly to a statewide network. The National Reserve corps is made up of emergency service volunteers,

Dave Brochu, Fire Chief, spoke of the planning and coordinating with the town hall and other fire departments in the area to ensure that all areas could be reached if there were emergencies. There were no urgent problems in Greensboro.

The program concluded with audience questions at 8:30, followed by refreshments.

An audience of over 50 people enjoyed the evening.

Minutes by Jenny Stoner, retiring secretary