

**GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Meeting Minutes- November 10, 2015**

**In attendance:** Margie Bascom, Lily McAteer, Clive Gray, Nancy Hill, Jenny Stoner, Anne Harbison, Gina Jenkins, Anne Pinkney, Janet Long, Cathie Wilkinson, Wendy Parrish, BJ Gray

**President's Report-** Nancy Hill reported on the League of Historical Societies and Museums meeting in Burlington where the Greensboro Historical Society received the 2015 Award of Excellence for Publications. Nine people from the GHS attended including Gail Sangree from Connecticut. Nancy urged everyone to join the Vermont Historical Society and to visit their museums in Montpelier and Barre. She noted that VHS is doing great school programs.

**Secretary's Report** - the minutes of the October meeting were approved as circulated.

**Treasurer's Report** - Clive Gray noted that he expected to get the town appropriation for 2015 very soon. This would reduce the deficit to \$4,600 for 2015. Two big expenses this year have been the painting and wall papering of the front room, and the upgrades in weatherization of the building by Mark Snyder. This leaves \$70,000 in the bank. The asking from the Town for 2016 is due by December 1. Clive will draft a budget and circulate the draft to the members. He will ask for an email vote on the amount to ask for the town appropriation in 2016. The Treasurer's Report was approved as written.

**Building Report** - Rick Kershner, formerly of the Shelburne Museum, will come on November 19 to assess the building for heat and humidity issues. Wendy Parrish suggested that GHS ask the Town of Greensboro for half the project expenses. Jenny Stoner suggested that we wait for Mr. Kershner's report. Wendy urged GHS to ask the Town for money to support this project because that would be helpful for applying for grants. The septic holding-tank is supposed to be pumped out every year. The downspout by the front door is missing its extension.

**History Moment** - Nancy Hill explained that she and Cappy Meyer proposed a Greensboro Authors corner in 1972 for the Greensboro Free Library, and began collecting books for it. They received a grant to do research on former Greensboro authors. Elaine Harris of Craftsbury was hired to do some of this research in 1982. Anne Pinkney has worked on this project for many years, continuing to add material. GHS did an exhibit in 2002 and 2003 on Greensboro authors and their work. Anne asked for volunteers to take over this on-going project. She was given a big Thank You for all her work and dedication to the project. Becky Arnold and Jeanne Joslin are interested in researching Greensboro authors. Anne Harbison will take the library's list of books and add publication dates. Gina Jenkins suggested that this material might be added to the GHS website.

**Acquisitions** - Gina Jenkins showed several items recently received from Sally Lonegren, including a photograph labeled "the first cabin on Caspian Lake," an autograph book from the 1880s, 1920s correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. Pleasants, and a program from the 30th commencement exercises of the Greensboro High School. Nancy Hill has obtained a copy of the memory book presented to Anthony Acheson and Nancy Riege on his retirement from the Greensboro United Church of Christ in September, 2015.

**Research** - Cathie Wilkinson reported that no research requests have been received in the past month.

**Newsletter** - Jenny Stoner thanked everyone who wrote articles for the fall newsletter. It will be six

pages long and will be sent to members. She plans to order 350 copies and put it on the GHS website. The Greensboro Association will be asked to publicize the newsletter with a link to the GHS website.

**Website and Systems Administration** - Kyle Gray will have a written contract. He has been asked to keep track of his billable hours through the end of the year so that the scope of the job can be estimated for 2016. He is also working on entering material into the genealogy data base, paid from a grant from the Greensboro Association. That money should be spent by the end of 2015.

**Perrin Road** - Clive Gray explained that the Vermont Supreme Court heard appeals from the Town of Greensboro and David Massey over access and ownership of the road between Willeys Store and GHS. The Supreme Court upheld the Superior Court decision. No owners have the right to block access to this road. Clive was thanked for taking on this project.

**Winter Meeting** - The Winter Meeting will be held the first Sunday in March and the topic will be old mills and everything to do with water in Greensboro including ice cutters and beer makers. Wendy Parrish is researching old newspaper stories about mills, creating a chronology for Greensboro using [ChroniclingAmerica.com](http://ChroniclingAmerica.com). John Mackin has agreed to talk about the new Greensboro reservoir. There will be a planning meeting at noon on December 8 at the Village Restaurant in Hardwick.

**Summer Exhibit Update** - Clay Simpson and June Bascom are working on the exhibit.

**Upcoming Projects** - Willie Smith has put together a list of projects that need volunteers. Gina Jenkins agreed to supervise the Museum Shop. Cathie Wilkinson asked for help clipping articles from the Hardwick Gazette and filing. BJ Gray said that she would help.

**Holiday Party** - There will be no GHS meeting in December. However, everyone is invited to a Holiday Potluck Party at the home of Clive Gray and Nancy Hill on Wednesday, December 9th at 5:30 pm. RSVP - email or call 533-2609.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gina Jenkins, Secretary