

Curators Committee of the Canaan Historical Museum  
Minutes of April 9, 2012

APPROVED

Meeting opened at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Carol Bergeron, 570 Canaan St. Members present: Dan Fleetham, Sr., Chairman; Ed Lary, Vice-Chairman; Donna Zani-Dunkerton, Historian; Carol Bergeron, Secretary, Ann Wadsworth.

Minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

Carol informed the Selectmen of the new committee members: Carolyn Barney and Ann Wadsworth whose terms expire in 2014.

The sub-committee: Donna, Carolyn, Ann, and Carol met on March 15, 2012 and reviewed Donna's current procedure for accepting donations to the museum collection. Carol showed examples of the computerized inventory and the numbering system. Carolyn suggested we work in teams to apply temporary paper numbers to the items. When the inventory is considered complete, the permanent marking can begin.

Carol has started to compose the rules of procedure using examples from the Historic District Commission and the Planning Board. As a town committee it is necessary that we follow the rules expected of a town committee.

The number of committee members officially allowed needs to be ascertained. Donna will ask Bob Regan to clarify. We will probably move some committee members to Alternate status if necessary.

New Business

It was noted that Betty Cummings and Ed Lary's terms have expired. The following were nominated by Carol and seconded by Donna to terms expiring in 2015: Ed Lary, Patsy Carter, and Kathleen Peters. Motion carried. Carol will inform the Selectmen.

Ed moved and Donna seconded a motion acknowledging that we meet quarterly. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be in July.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Carol Bergeron, Secretary

Curators Committee Quarterly Meeting      APPROVED  
Monday, June 4, 2012  
Town Conference Room

Chairman Dan Fleetham, Sr. opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Town Conference Room. Members present were: Dan, Donna Zani-Dunkerton, Carol Bergeron, Scott Borthwick, Carolyn Barney, Kathleen Peters. Absent: Ed Lary, Reg Barney, Ann Wadsworth.

Carolyn motioned for the Minutes of the April 9, 2012 be approved. Kathleen seconded. Motion carried.

Nominations for officers were made and voted upon. Dan announced the officers from the past year will serve for another year.

Members were requested to select times they can work in the Museum helping with the inventory and numbering of objects. Planned so far are the following dates: June 8, 18,19,25,26, starting at 9 a.m. As soon as Donna gets her babysitting dates confirmed, we can schedule more work parties.

It was asked of members to indicate areas of interest in the Museum: Kathleen –textiles and she will prepare the sampler for framing; Scott will assist Ann Wadsworth with the inventorying and assessing the condition of books in the collection. Patsy will ask a friend at Dartmouth College to come to the Museum to assess the condition of the book collection and make recommendations.

Members were asked to help with planning for current and future needs. Heat and water were the most frequently mentioned. [Water and toilets are available in the Beach Bathroom facility behind the Museum.] Carolyn suggested we bring heaters to the Museum for workshops

Topics discussed were: What objects would you like to acquire for exhibits? What displays would you like to see? Farming, Logging, 4-H were suggested. Are we documenting current events such as NH History Day at the Museum and Meeting House? Documenting repairs to the historic buildings, new playground and monuments should be considered. Also, contacting people who have documented activities, such as Old Home Days, to express our interest in acquiring copies of their films and photographs. Lacking a town newspaper, it is important to “create a cohesive plan to document how things are today.”

It was suggested the following people be contacted and asked if they have an interest in photographing current events and donating the pictures to the Museum: Christine Feley and Melissa Allen.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be in September.  
Carol Bergeron, Secretary

Curators Committee Quarterly Meeting  
Monday, September 10, 2012  
4:30 P.M. at the Canaan Historical Museum

DRAFT

Chairman Dan Fleetham, Sr. opened the meeting at 4:30 P.M. Members present were: Dan, Ed Lary, Donna Zani-Dunkerton, Reg Barney, Carol Bergeron, Carolyn Barney, Patsy Carter, Ann Wadsworth

Treasurer: Reg reported that he has paid John Bergeron \$88.00 for glass shelves for a display cabinet and \$150.00 for 50 additional DVDs to be sold in the Museum. The funds are from the Canaan Historical Society. Because it was not clear if the Committee had requested the funds prior to now, Carol moved and Patsy seconded a motion to request the funds from the Historical Society. Motion approved.

Minutes of June 4, 2013 were approved.

#### Old Business

Patsy will request a Dartmouth book conservator to view our book collection in the spring and make recommendations for maintaining the collection.

Patsy will ask Kathleen Peters to contact Melissa Allen in regard to photographing events in Canaan of historical significance.

Donna reported that the number of Museum visitors is down this year, 60 as opposed to 90 last year. It was noted that people are often reluctant to sign the guest book. Donna also described the large effort made to clean all the shelves in the Museum and label the artifacts. Carol noted that over 200 man-hours had been put into this project by Donna, Carol, and Carolyn. She also noted that Donna had spent a great deal of additional time doing this on her own.

Patsy asked if Donna was allowed to keep some portion of the funds donated to the Historical Society by people for whom she has done research. She uses her own gasoline to tour the cemeteries with visitors and sometimes is not reimbursed for copies she mails to people. It was agreed to contact Museums and town historians of similar size as Canaan's to compare their policies.

It was voted to accept the donation from Dan Fleetham, Sr. of a document appointing his grandfather, George Cobb, Postmaster at Canaan St. in 1885. Carol will look into having the certificate framed.

It was voted to de-accession two gourds which have rotted and several wood scyth handles in similar condition.

On Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, several members will visit the Grafton Historical Museum to view their collection.

Motion was made and approved to establish the annual meeting and term expiration as the next quarterly meeting following town elections which occur on the second Tuesday in March. It was also approved to vote on officers of the Committee at that meeting.

Members were asked to think of possible new members of the Committee as needed in the future.

Members were polled on their preferences for meeting days and time. It was agreed to try the second Monday of the month at 1 P.M. as the meeting time with place to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be January 14, 2013 at 1 P.M.

Carol Bergeron,  
Secretary