

## CURATORS COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT

March 14, 2016

PRESENT Dan Fleetham, Sr., Dan Fleetham, Jr., Reginald Barney, Carolyn Barney,  
Donna Dunkerton, Patsy Carter

Meeting was brought to order by Dan Fleetham, Sr. Chair.

This Curators meeting was very informal. With discussion of what was completed last year under the direction of Carol Bergeron and Donna Zani Dunkerton.

Two closets in the museum were cleaned out by Donna & Carol. They found most of the contents were damaged by mold and dampness and not salvageable. With the closets now empty there was a need for protecting whatever was put in the closets. John Bergeron took some pallets and placed them on the floor. Filing cabinets were then placed in the closets on top of the pallets. A filing cabinet was also taken upstairs by Larry & Matthew Tibbetts. Donna also did some cleaning of the hallway upstairs. She now has a chair and a bureau up there. The filing system is now in order. Inventory is completed. The museum is in good order.

A project for the summer might be cleaning a room upstairs to the left of the stairs. There are some newspapers, magazines and old books that should be examined as to whether or not they are in any condition to be kept for the collection. Another project that Donna would like to have accomplished is identifying many pictures contained in the 4H scrapbooks. She is hoping some of the 4H leaders will help in this project.

Donna opened up the museum in March for some researchers from Portsmouth and Durham. These folks are doing a documentary on "Black History in N.H." Their interest was the Noyes academy. Donna also took them to the Canaan Street Cemetery, the Old North Church and showed them where the Noyes Academy building use to be.

Donna's sale of the Canaan calendars raised over \$1,000.00. She also sold a Canaan Town History to the researchers from Portsmouth.

Dan Fleetham, Sr. chairman of the Curators has officially resigned as chair of the group. We thank Dan for all of his work and support for this group.

The curators would like to acknowledge the passing of Pete Cummings, a long-time member of the Historical Society.

The museum will be open June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of the N.H. History Day for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Canaan Elementary school class

The Historical Society Meeting will be held at the Museum on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00.

The Museum will officially open Saturday July 2, 1:00-4:00 thru Oct.

Patsy Carter

## CURATORS COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT

June 28, 2016

PRESENT: Reginald Barney, Carol Bergeron, Patsy Carter, Donna Dunkerton, Ann Wadsworth.

Meeting was brought to order by Carol Bergeron.

First form of business was election of officers. Carol Bergeron, Selectman's representative, and Patsy Carter were re-elected until 2019. The other members are as follows Reginald Barney 2017, Donna Dunkerton 2017 and Ann Wadsworth 2018. Officers elected, were Ann Wadsworth, elected from vice chair to chairman and Patsy Carter, Secretary.

The digitalization of the museum inventory was discussed. Photos are to be taken to be included with the inventory. We are trying to archive the holdings of the museum. Ann will be asking Sharon Duffey how we can go about this. Donna has received some donations for the research she continues to do for folks doing genealogy. Her services continue to be needed by former Canaan families and others. The museum will open July 2<sup>nd</sup>. On July 13<sup>th</sup> a talk on STONE WALLS by Bill McDonald will be held at the Meeting House on Canaan Street.

The next Curators meeting will be held Sept. 19, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

## CURATORS COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT

October 31, 2016

PRESENT: Reginald Barney, Carol Bergeron, Patsy Carter, Donna Dunkerton, Ann Wadsworth

Meeting was brought to order by Ann Wadsworth

Many of the goals that Donna set for herself this summer have been accomplished. She has cleaned a portion of upstairs and placed on the platform up there a bureau that Eddie & Jackie Lary's estate donated. A cup and saucer were placed on this bureau and a spinning wheel was placed nearby. She cleaned the stairway and front closet. All-in-all major cleaning was done to the museum. Thinking of next year there was discussion as to how to rearrange the downstairs. Part of the exhibit is a safety issue. Donna has ideas as to how better some of the materials can be exhibited. Taking the safety issues into consideration. Preservation of the materials in the museum is of utmost importance. The textiles in the collection should be checked for condition and then told how to properly conserve the material. A professional textile person should be consulted. The textiles are only one of the concerns in the collection. With no heat in the building there is concern of books and other items molding.

A concern for the museum is an antique weapon that was appraised by William Egan some years ago. This material is not something the curators want to collect. John Bergeron is going to contact William Smith for another estimate and the plans are for the weapon to be sold.

Closing of the Museum: Donna has been working diligently on cleaning, arranging and removing paintings from the museum. While doing much of this she found that the postcard albums were in a deplorable condition. She has purchased new sleeves, albums and archival material to replace the damaged albums. Also in this cleaning up she found where vermin had been damaging several items in the museum collection. She has purchased rat & mice poison to take care of the problem. Ann Wadsworth suggested that a pest control person be contacted to see how severe the problem is. It was decided we would go with the poison for now.

Goals for the Year: How do we collect, preserve and recognize the most valued items in the collection. Sale of weapon, contact a textile conservator, and rearrange downstairs.

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Carter