

CURATORS COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT

March 20, 2017

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

Meeting was brought to order by Ann Wadsworth

First topic of discussion was how many curators meeting the group should have. It was decided we would meet three times a year. Our second meeting is to be July 17<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Apparently our meetings minutes of June 3, 2016 and September 14, 2016 were never voted on and accepted. At this meeting the motion was made to accept these minutes.

There were items in the Museum collection that needed framing. John Bergeron kindly did the framing of these materials.

There are materials in the Museum collection that research has been done on and found that they are not needed in the collection and should be sold. One of these items is an old weapon. A specialist is to be consulted as to how much this item is worth and then be sold.

There has been concern as to how to conserve and care for the old clothing in the collection. Carol Bergeron and Ann Wadsworth are going to investigate finding a textile conservator or research on-line for the care of such materials.

A summer project (when the museum warms up) the curators are going to visually review all the materials in the museum to rank each item by importance. A task that should help in organizing the museum collection.

A DVD "A tour Canaan, a Century ago" was purchased by Fernwood Farms.

The Museum received a request from a researcher for a picture of "The Noyes Academy" painting by Mikel Wells. We decided a copy could be made for this request. Carol Bergeron is going to look into copyright of the material for any other request.

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Carter

## CURATORS COMMITTEE MEETING

June 12, 2017

Meeting was brought to order by Ann Wadsworth.

First topic of discussion was the nomination by Carol Bergeron, and election of Susan Nero as a new member of the Curators. Carol Bergeron, moved and seconded that Reginald Barney and Donna Dunkerton continue their terms for another three years.

The following is a list of curators and when their term expires.

| Current          | Term expires |
|------------------|--------------|
| Carol Bergeron   | 2019         |
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| Reginald Barney  | 2020         |
| Donna Dunkerton  | 2020]        |
| Ann Wadsworth    | 2018         |
| Carolyn Barney   | 2019         |
| Patsy Carter     | 2019         |
| Susan Nero       | 2020         |

The Canaan Historical Museum will be opening July 4<sup>th</sup> . Continuing to be open weekends until Columbus day weekend.

Discussion was held of projects not done since Oct. Such as gun sale, textile conservation and ranking inventory importance. Ranking inventory was a priority. We are to take a visible walk around the museum, comparing the item, with the computer inventory. We may need a conservator to place a value on individual articles. We are to check with Donna to see what days are good for "work days"

Some of the material in the museum was owned by the town before the existence of the Historical Society and some has been given since. Clarification of this material is needed.

Care of all material in the museum continues to be an issue. It would be wonderful if the town could find a way to heat the building.

Future Meetings:

February 12, 2018

June 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Carter

## CURATOR COMMITTEE MEETING APPROVED

September 18, 2017

PRESENT: Reg Barney, Carol Begeron, Donna Dunkerton, Susan Nero, Ann Wadsworth, Patsy Carter

The meeting came to order with Donna Dunkerton, Historian, reporting on the summer activities at the Museum. Beginning with New Hampshire History Day June 2, 2017. This field day was well attended by the Canaan Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. New Hampshire History Day has been a fun filled learning day for the students since 1984. The highlight being an exciting ride in a horse drawn wagon, driven by Richard Vincent.

Donna continues to do tours and talks for Cardigan Mountain School Classes. This year she also did a talk and tour for the Mascoma Senior Center. Many of the seniors were very impressed with the contents of the museum and the talk. The groups biggest interest was the '38 hurricane. There was a lot of positive feedback from all they saw and heard.

Genealogy seems to be of great interest to folks in the area. Donna took Diane and George Gromley on tour of the Old North Church, Canaan Street cemetery, and meeting house. They were researching Rev. Thomas Baldwin. The Gromley's gave Donna a check for \$50.00 for her time spent with them.

The museum was open for Old Home Days. Bill Spaulding had his display of the early 1800 & 1900, logging, and log drive down the river, on exhibit for the month.

LCIP group is going to visit the museum on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Sept. Susan Nero, Carol Bergeron and Patsy Carter, offered to help Donna dress up the mannequin Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> before the LCIP group comes.

Carol Bergeron is reviewing the computerized inventory to appraise items and indicate items needing security, being placed in cases. Also seeking ones that have special significance to Canaan. She is about 1/3 of the way through.

Future Meetings: February 12, 2018 & June 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Carter