

CURATORS COMMITTEE – APPROVED MINUTES June 6, 2022

Present: Reginald Barney, Carol Bergeron, Patsy Carter, Donna Dunkerton, Alton Hennessy, Jan Kulig, Daryl Robbins, Deb Tenney, Kathy Thompson, Ann Wadsworth

Meeting held at the Canaan Museum; Ann Wadsworth presiding in lieu of Susan Nero – away on vacation

Welcome to Visitors and introductions. Recognition of and approval of Alton Hennessy, Jan Kulig and Daryl Robbins as new curators. Nominees will need final approval by the Select Board

Kathy Thompson arrived, new resident of Canaan, but with a daughter and family ties here. She was welcomed enthusiastically.

2. **Old Business:**

- a. Volunteer/s needed for minutes-taking. Will continue to solicit!
- b. Minutes of March 4, 2022 approved
- c. 2022 Goals for Curators: Carol Bergeron explained the existing goals and the work of Curators in formal documentation of the museum's holdings. As a small museum, we attempt to comply with the standards set for museums.
- d. Stove restoration: Donna has been diligent in cleaning and searching for a missing part on the top of the stove. She described how she might resolve it. Daryl Robbins offered to help Donna explore a solution – perhaps in fabricating some missing pieces.
- e. Male mannequin: has arrived and is safely stored in its box! There was general interest in helping dress 'him', although we will need authentic farmer clothing. Reggie is willing to contribute clothing from his collection if appropriate.

3. **New Business:**

- a. Use of current funds: Unanimous approval of funding the mud mat at the entrance. More discussion needed for future displays and banners. There are sufficient funds for completion of the windows.
- b. Planned display (s) for this season: This is Donna's (#) year for producing a display. The Noyes Academy display can be updated by Donna. \$5,000 grant funds for this project still remain in the Treasury. The original committee has long disbanded and needs to begin again with more specific expenditures.
- c. Publicity for the Museum: Susan has volunteered to write an Opening day/monthly article the Canaan newsflash. Alton Hennessy offered his expertise with Face Book to help publicize Museum news. (He does this in his full time work with the Canaan fire department.)
- d. Update museum curator website info: volunteer still needed - may be Susan

- e. Scanning newspaper articles for preservation of important events. Susan may be the only one who has scanning availability; we will pursue other options.
- f. Copy of current Museum inventory for the town of Canaan is required every two years via a memory stick: next one is due in December 2022.
- g. Carol Bergeron: presented a possible future project having to do with a screen with projected images of various displays such as: the Noyes Academy. More discussion to follow.

4. Next Meeting:

Wednesday September 14, 2 p.m. at the Museum