

Curators Committee Meeting—Approved Minutes
May 3, 2023
2 PM
Mascoma Health Center

Present: Donna Zani Dunkerton, Susan Nero, Reggie Barney, Carol Bergeron, Patsy Carter, Daryl Robbins, Deb Tenney, and Jan Kulig

1. Old Business

A. Minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting were read and approved. Reggie attempted to resign, but his resignation was not accepted; he is an invaluable resource to the committee!

B. 2023 Goals for Curators: The goals were reviewed in March. This is an ongoing process.

C. Stove restoration: ongoing. Donna will need assistance this summer on this task. She and Susan will compile a list of projects that require attention and people can sign up to help.

D. Mannequins: Although not considered part of the actual collection, these items need inventory numbers for record-keeping purposes.

E. Display Cases: See item “D.”

2. New Business

A. Cataloging Works: Alexander Katlan is compiling a catalog of an artist’s works. We discussed whether to have the museum’s collection listed in the catalog. What is the value of these pieces? Are they covered by the town’s insurance? Susan will contact Katlan to get further information on the catalog’s purpose.

B. Conservator Evaluation: Carol pointed out that museum pieces have different types of value: financial, aesthetic, and historical. Some curators focus on one aspect of museum pieces (ie, paper), while others are more general in their knowledge. Ideally, a curator would be within 100 miles, as mileage is charged. A curator could also give advice as to how items should be stored. It was agreed that “another pair of eyes” would be helpful. Carol will contact Andrew Cushing for his advice as to how to contact a curator. The Andover Historical Museum has had some experience with this process; perhaps we could make a visit there to discuss this?

C. Display banners: A prototype of the outside banners that Alisa Kline has proposed and shared with The Historical Society were reviewed. Members request that the word “history” be changed to “historical” to reflect the correct name of the museum. It was discussed that we should order one set of banners and see how they work out. Members still hope that a banner for inside the

museum will be created focusing on Noyes Academy. Jan will follow up with Alisa.

D. Mud rug: Donna says one rug worked out well last year, but she will evaluate need once the season begins.

E. Publicity for Museum: Susan has created an announcement which was reviewed and approved by those present.

F. Newspaper articles: Deb purchased a scanner which she will try out.

G. Museum Opening Date: Donna says that her daughter, Sara, will help her out with cleaning and preparation, but if more help is needed, she will let us know.

H. Other: Windows on the second floor and the side of the building facing the beach parking lot are done! Carol shared a video of the process.

3. Next Meeting

We will meet on Wednesday, September 6th, 2 PM at the Museum.