

THE PUTNEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING 6/26/17

Attendance: Merrill Barton, Ruth Barton, Tom Jamison, Lyssa Papazian, Tim Ragle Lindley Speers, Barry Stockwell, Barbara Taylor, Richard Taylor, and Mary Ann Toffalon

The meeting was called to order (6:30pm) by Ruth Barton, President.

Secretary Report: The minutes had been emailed to all prior to the meeting. Barbara made the motion to accept them as written, Lindley seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Lyssa gave a report on the status of the GStore. The checking account is low but holding its own. She asked that someone volunteer to help with the accounting. Tom Jamison volunteered. MaryAnn made the motion to appoint Tom as Co-Treasurer. It was moved & seconded. The motion passed.

Lyssa provided a list of the accounts and balances as of today. Lindley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Tim Ragle and the motion passed.

Old business: After much back and forth with the Chubb Insurance Company, we hope the final questionnaire has been submitted and we are now awaiting a quote for the Directors and Officers Liability. Barbara will let you know when she has it in hand.

New Business: Barry announced the receipt of a \$50,000 grant to Next Stage. That along with a match of \$40,000 by John Burt's Foundation has provided the funds to start Legacy Putney. This program will culminate in 2018 with a festival and celebration of Putney. This event will include the combined efforts of Next Stage, PHS, the Folk Life Ctr, and Town Government. September they hope to train 10-15 people that can unearth the history of Putney through oral history and different art forms. Many people will hopefully contribute in ways.

Ruth suggested inviting Maria Basescu to speak at the Annual Meeting and hopefully bring more people into the project. The Annual Meeting is August 27, 2017, probably at 2pm. Ruth asked Barry to work up a program for that meeting.

We need to publish another newsletter. Lyssa will call Susan Kochinskas who pulled the letter together for us last time. Volunteers are needed to contribute articles: Legacy Putney, GStore, Tim to look at early maps, and other historical items.

Tom reported on the shelving that has been installed in our storage room at Next Stage. He has put wheels on one and would like to continue with 4-5 more units. The cost will be between \$280-330. Barbara made a motion that we purchase wheels for the shelving not to exceed \$350. It was moved and seconded, the motion passed.

Ruth had a request from the Ludlow Historical Society. They are doing a program on Turkey drives in VT and wanted to know if Putney has any information that they could use.

The following is the Office schedule for July & August:

July 1- Lindley

July 8 – Ruth

July 15 – Tim

July 22 – Tom

July 29 – Barbara

August 5 – Lindley

August 12 – Mary Ann

August 19 – Tim

August 27 – Annual Meeting

Mary Ann received a call from Andrea Scheidler. She lives on Parkman Wood Rd and has a ceremonial circle/ burial area/ pylon on her property. She is concerned that it may be lost/ forgotten as years go by. Lindley offered to contact her and go to see it.

Barry brought up the item of the Lease between PHS and Next Stage. He reminded everyone that NS has an option as of January 1, 2019 to assume ownership of the building. NS is currently paying rent to PHS who maintains the building and at that time it would switch to PHS paying rent and NS assuming the maintenance. NS has asked that the Board might want to consider bumping up that date to January 1, 2018 since they are at about 90% usage and the PHS's major thrust is the GStore at the moment.

Some of the issues discussed were re-writing the lease, no transfer costs, maintaining the property tax exemption, insurance is fuzzy – renter/ event insurance, divesting of the building. There is much to think about and January is fast approaching.

Our next meeting is set for July 24, 2017.

Mary Ann moved that we adjourn for the evening, it was seconded by Lindley and the motion passed.



Welcome: Putney Historical Society Putney Historical Society Member #: ****70
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Insured Accounts Summary*

Account	Suffix	Type	Balance	Available
Special Funds	01	Business Account	\$1,336.79	\$1,311.79
Veteran Fund	10	SPECIAL RSA	\$16,691.46	\$16,691.46
CHURCH CAPITAL	11	SPECIAL RSA	\$5,096.74	\$5,096.74
CONTINGENCY	12	SPECIAL RSA	\$8,178.46	\$8,178.46
Operating Checking	08	SENIOR CLASSIC	\$2,333.55	\$2,333.55
Total Insured Accounts			\$33,637.00	\$33,612.00

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