Present: Tim, Lindley, Tom, Maryann, Ruth, Barry, Lyssa, Leah

Secretary's Report:Minutes from last meeting are approved. Lindley moves, Tim seconds.

Treasurer’s Report: $69,000 in checking account. Little activity. No new membership. Next Stage rent is coming in. Paying phone bills.

Lyssa: end of year reports are missing sales inventory. She will count some items. Barbara has some things.

Lyssa will call a meeting of the finance committee.

Barry: new telephone pole unfortunately placed adjacent to marquee. Green Mt Power pruned the crabapple tree. Where should the marquee go? We should develop a landscaping plan. What trees and shrubs shall we keep?

Lyssa: Crabapple masks the pole and the elevator shaft.

Barry: if we clear out the evergreen tree we could put marquee on the downhill side. Possibly a curved convex marquee.

Lyssa: make a dummy of the marquee to decide on placing.

Ruth: take out the evergreen! Yew? Ew! Hard to eradicate.

Maryann will ask Matt Darrow for advice on the crabapple tree.

Secretarial tasks:

Leah wishes to focus on just minutes and Barbara has offered to tackle email and knows much more to help research questions. Phone?

Tom will find out about voicemail services with the phone company.

Lyssa: we should have regular office hours and rotating office duty once Next Stage building reopens.

Lyssa: Flat files architectural for sale from Londonderry historical society. $250-$275 each. Shall we buy them to replace plastic bins? Not necessary. We do need to plan our storage and perhaps apply for grants

As renovations come to a close there will be a small window where a lot needs to happen. Various carpentry, finishing, painting, theater tech tasks… Dec 10 first event at Next Stage

Lyssa: Postcards--we have been selling for 25 cents. More cost effective for black and white. Leah moves that Lyssa have authority over decision, Maryann seconds. Betsy and Lyssa will get together soon for calendar. Maybe for Columbus Day weekend.

Dodd map 1961 update of 1949 Carpenter map. We should make it an interactive digital map!!! Jeff Nugent?

Annual meeting: undecided programming.

October 10 Putney Public Schools reunion. Tour of one room school houses. Carolyn Handy (of peanut brittle fame) 387-4040. Do we already have blurbs about the schools from the 53 history? Perhaps. Subject files.

Michael Bodel: Project at Green Mountain Orchard.

Background in puppetry and Dance, worked with Bread and Puppet… moved here recently. Project inspired by the history of this place. The PYO crowd, migrant labor, pruners… pageant like early 1900’s teasing out the themes of a certain place. People, events, challenges. Community-based project informed by the stories. Working with Putney Cares, Putney School, PCS (Ellen Tumavicus’ Art classes), Marlboro College. Performing the past. Ephemeral, but may be recorded. Looking for participants. Next summer. 101st year of the orchard!

Ruth: Interview Curtis: he came here to pick and prune.

Lyssa: We have early photographs of Bill Darrow… Evan has them too. Bill talked Aiken into apples. Photos of Aiken too.

Next conversation: intergenerational farming. October 25 6-8 at the Orchard. Looking for participants. Puppet workshop earlier in the day. Spread the word.

Hopes to catalyze a celebration of farms.

Lyssa: we’d like to record the process.

Finn Campman is also involved and recorded the first group conversation. Shoshi Bass could perhaps lead a workshop for PCS kids (a camp).

Ruth: Dr. Darrow won the high jump at East Putney ???

Next Stage is acting as a sponsor. Received a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation grant.

Window in the office has been removed. Lyssa suggests putting the casing back and putting recessed sheetrock. All are in assent!

New heating and cooling unit!

Leah moves to adjourn, Lindley seconds.