

The Willington Historical Society
Minutes Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was held in the Selectmen's conference room, Willington Town Office Building, Old Farms Road. It was called to order by President Bob Shabot at 2:03PM

Board members present: Bob Shabot, Mark Masinda, Sue Schur, Paul Schur, Lisa Ferriere, Betty Robertson

Present to Speak. None

Approval of Minutes **The minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting were approved with a motion by Bob Shabot and second by Mark Masinda. Passed unanimously**

Treasurer's Report: There were no significant additions of income or expenses since the January meeting. The non-profit tax Return has been submitted to the IRS. **Mark Masinda moved, and Paul Schur seconded to accept the report of the treasurer. Passed unanimously.**

Old Business

Ruby Rd. property: Bob Shabot sent a letter to Dave Smith, an engineer, about the preparation of a plot plan for the Eastern Highlands District Department of Health. Bob has not received a reply and will contact Dave again. The plot plan is necessary to sell the property as a building lot. The For Sale sign on the property was blown over in a recent storm and needs to be put back in place.

Garage door sills at the tavern will be replaced this spring. Mark Masinda has material for the sills.

Fund raising membership: Bob had discussions with representatives from the Dollars for Scholars, Scholarship Committee about sharing the cost of their non-profit mailing permit so that WHS could do third class mailings using their permit. The cost would be \$118 per year. He showed the board an oversized postcard that the Willington Hill Fire Department used as a town wide mailing seeking funds. A similar, but smaller format could be used by WHS to seek donations to implement the accessibility study plan and describe some of the projects that could be done at the Tavern. Approximate costs would include the shared cost of the Dollars for Scholars, Scholarship Committee's permit (\$118 annual fee), \$266 for the mailing and \$366 for printing the postcards.

Mark suggested holding an open house to show people the tavern and the need for implementing the accessibility project. Another suggestion was to hold events at the tavern such as an antique appraisal activity.

Paul Schur suggested having a draft of the postcard for the April meeting.

Sue Schur moved, and Bob Shabot seconded a motion to have Bob move forward with getting permission to use the Dollars for Scholars, Scholarship Committee's mailing permit and that a draft of a mailer be prepared for the April meeting of the WHS. Passed unanimously.

New Business

Bob Shabot is preparing an article for the Willington Wire and considering program subjects for a spring WHS meeting. One such program could be someone to discuss glass

Bob has recently purchased hinges that could be used for a front door, a tavern table and a five-light transom.

Mark Masinda suggested that sheetrock around the windows should be installed to fill in the holes left by the window replacements. He will contact Norm to help with that project. He also suggested that there is some painting that could be done to improve the appearance of the interior of the tavern. Bob said that he will install a chair rail after the installation of the sheetrock is completed.

The next WHS meeting will be March 24, 2020 and not March 17, 2020 as was previously scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schur, Secretary