

October 29, 2023

The Tunbridge Historical Society met in the Town Hall with 10 people present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Mormon Church - They have been having a genealogical fair for 2 years that we have attended with a display about Joseph Smith. This year we want to highlight the camp that used to be there. Nancy Howe will coordinate the research and display. We will need to staff it and also advertise in town to help bring people in.

Baptist Church - Izzy has written a grant to the State of Vermont Historic Preservation for windows and drainage help. Isaac Barker and Izzy Provoncha replasticized the windows to save them until we can do the right repair.

501c3 - Should we get a lawyer or can we do this ourselves? Need to talk with other Historical Societies as we can't find a step by step guide. What do we need to know? You go in and must pay immediately before you can find out the questions and can't go out and come back in without paying again. Talk with Chris Wood at BALE as he has been helping organizations with this.

Ghost Walk - We need to advertise more and need the microphone as people could hear much better. Everything went well at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery even with the challenging weather and steep, rough terrain. Next year is the Monarch Hill Cemetery but we will need to carpool.

Farnham signage in the archives and Baptist Church - Izzy will contact people at the Hartford Tech Center.

Cemeteries - We, along with the Cemetery Commissioners, are writing a grant to VOCA to help us with repairs to the stones at the Hutchinson Cemetery. VOCA will pay for materials but we supply the labor while they teach us how to repair and clean the stones so we can then do this at the other cemeteries in town. Need prices on different kinds of stone repair.

Lydia - The 1926 picture of the fair is on Google Drive so we can access it when we want.

Dave Royce finished installing the rest of the pipe for the furnace in the archives.

Should we sell or take to the Baptist Church the gun cabinets? They won't hold the guns that we have or might receive as the length of the guns is too high for the short cabinets.

We are in need of metal shelving for storage in the archives. Kay Jorgensen will see if she has any.

We have many old town reports. Sell or give away at a yard sale next summer? There are boxes of dishes and lawn chairs in the Baptist Church that can go in the yard sale.

Kay Jorgensen is storing some Historical Society items that we should move to the Baptist Church.

Lydia has been refiling misfiled items.

House pictures have been scanned and are in the cloud.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine A. Howe, secretary