

The Tunbridge Historical Society met in the Baptist Church with 15 people present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Sue Cain has clothing that belongs to the society stored in the Parish House.

501c3 - The Executive Board needs input on questions that might be on the application which Nancy Howe is going to provide. Do we have trustees or need them? The meeting minutes will be posted on the webpage.

Schoolhouse signs - We have 14 school houses still standing. Izzy would like to put a sign on each one, with the owner's permission, that states when it was built, name of the school (if applicable), and the number of it. He would also like to have a brochure available with information about each school. We would also like a brochure talking about the covered bridges. Peg Sherlock and Doug Giles have expressed interest on working on the bridge brochure.

Fair picture - When we were cleaning the Church we found a panoramic picture of the fair taken in 1926 that we felt should be conserved. Sue Cain and Nancy and Elaine Howe took it to Cory Brabis in Woodstock who cleaned it for no charge and took it to Anything Printed in Taftsville to be copied. David Schwartzman looked it over and had the owner brighten up some spots to make the contrast better. Nancy and Elaine picked up the original and copies and took it to Junction Frame Shop in White River where they spent over an hour finding the right color matting and frame for the original and a copy. The original will be paid by the society and the copy by the Friends of the Fair. This photo was taken in 1926 right after the present grandstand was built. Frank Brewster of Hartford, VT, took the original photo.

Webpage - Geoff Hansen made what we have so far. It's a start but in the future we need our own site. At the moment, we need a hotfeed to our Facebook page.

Heritage Hall - There will be 5 vehicles - ox cart, steam car, 2 motorized cars and a tractor in the hall for this fair. The society will be able to sell raffle tickets and some books at their table in the hall.

Baptist Church - 3 windows need to have plastic put over them this fall. Mary Ann Caron has found no grants to help us with the restoration of the church. She is still trying. We need to get 501c3 status for some grants. Thank you to all those who helped clean the church - Shirley Boles, John Holder, Kay Jorgensen, Kathi Terami, Lydia Flanagan, Isaac Barker, John Buck, Izzy Provoncha, Nan Frost, Nancy and Elaine Howe. Many hands make light work.

Cemetery maps - Work is ongoing on paper and on the computer. Elaine does as much work as she can and then gets Fern Strong to help with final details. We are working on getting a grant from VOCA (Vermont Old Cemetery Association) to help us straighten, mend and reset stones in the Hutchinson Cemetery. When that date is set members will come to clean stones, cut brush and learn how to do this work.

Tunbridge Speaks - 2024 will be about Hezekiah Hutchinson and the formal survey of the town, why the town settled in the hills instead of the valleys, 2025 will be the Revolutionary War and the soldiers in it from Tunbridge, 2026 will be Moses Ordway and the first residents of town, 2029 is the 100th year of Antique Hill, 2030 is the Raid of 1780.

Ghost Walk - October 8 at the Mt Pleasant Cemetery. Izzy will get us a microphone system so the ghosts can be in the cemetery and the audience can be at the bottom of the cemetery or in the road or field so no one will get hurt climbing the sidehill but can still hear what's being said..

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine A. Howe, secretary

Attendees - Elaine Howe, Shirley Boles, Nancy Howe, Lydia Flanagan, Fern Strong, Kathi Terami, Louise Barreda, Nan Frost, Sue Cainm Kay Jorgensen, Jacque Norris, Izzy Provoncha, Bill Tarkulich, Fred Pond, Dave Kimball