

April 21, 2024

The Tunbridge Historical Society met in the Town Hall with 12 people present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Memorial Day - We will have a Town Hall service at 10:30am followed by the parade at 11am followed by the cemetery service. These things will be about the Korean War era veterans. Maurice Castagner will ride with Lary Mengedoht, Arnold Clark will ride with Craig Chapman and Roger Welch will ride with Baxter Doty in their antique cars. These 3 riders are our last remaining Korean War veterans.

501c3 - We filled out the paperwork but haven't heard anything yet.

Baptist Church - Izzy is working through the bid process after he wrote a scope of work. This is for restoring the windows because the panes are dropping as the sills are sagging. There are 40 window panes in each window for a total of 280 panes. We need to raise \$28,000 for this project as we need to pay the cost up front but will be reimbursed for half of the cost.

Fundraising - We need to do a capital campaign in which Kathi Terami, Nan Frost and Izzy Provoncha are on the committee to brainstorm ideas.

Plaques - We will have a ceremony when we put them up with refreshments or a potluck.

Tunbridge Church - They wish to hand the Baptist Church over to us. Insurance is \$1000 a year. We could take out some pews in the back or front and auction or sell them off to give us some more room for displays. Church will still be held there for the month of August.

Bus Tour - The 250th Commission granted us \$1000 to give a bus tour to some sites in Tunbridge. This is sponsored by Vermont Covered and we just have to test spots around Tunbridge to see where broadband coverage is and isn't. We will do a recording separate from the tour so it will be clear with no one talking in the background.

Sites to visit - Elias Curtis mill, Raid of 1780 historic marker, Button Cemetery, Ordway Cemetery, Meetinghouse Cemetery, Elijah Tracy home, Hezekiah Hutchinson home, Mill Bridge. Izzy will give background information at each site with ghosts (hopefully) giving more.

Tunbridge Speaks - Ice cream social on the church lawn at 6:30pm followed by the program at 7:30pm in the church on July 9. It will be about the 250th anniversary of the surveying of the town, primordial forests, why folks settled on top of the hills instead of in the valleys and who the early settlers were and how they lived.

Ranger - June 9 is when we will volunteer at the school parking lot from 10 - 3 to give assistance to whoever needs it. Volunteers so far are Sue Cain, Nancy Howe and Betsy Gaiser

10 - 12 and Marybeth Lang 12 - 3. We need 2 more for the second slot. For this volunteering we will receive a donation.

Elaine will check out the cemetery signs to see which ones need replacing. Maybe we can get a donation from Mascoma Bank after we know what needs to be done.

Annual meeting - August 18 at the Baptist Church with a potluck at 5:30pm, meeting at 6:30pm and maybe a very short program to be decided.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine A. Howe, secretary