

February 25, 2025 Meeting Notes GHS

Attending were Deborah Jurist, Brent Smith, Allen Goodine, Phyllis Burke, Louise Reynolds, Dawn Evans, Susan Pelkey Smith

Began at 10:00 am


**2024 Treasurer Report** presented by Susan showed memberships, and sales were down from 2023, but donations were very strong. We spent almost exactly what we took in and had enough surplus to add \$5,000 to our CD. Combined CD and cash balance 12-31-24 = \$28,370.57

We will be asking the town for a \$1,000 appropriation for 2025 at Town Meeting DJ has prepared a presentation and handout, however anyone who wants to speak to this at the meeting would be greatly appreciated.

**Patrick Ayer was elected Director unanimously** Thanks were extended for his diligent work to list all donations that had been recorded in the meeting notes from 2005 to 2013 into a finding tool.

This finding tool is a google sheet which lists donors, date of acquisition, item description and location. The google sheet is on the google drive.

It can be found at this link

 Collection worksheet

## Collection Preservation and Documentation

### Open Source Software

A potential plan to integrate collection records of documents, artifacts and online newsletters is being put together by Terrance Curran and was discussed. A motion was passed unanimously to spend up to \$1,000 for creating a process and to get us going on using it.

Listing and counting of Town Reports and Newsletters was accomplished by Jen Cowhg who reviewed and recorded her findings on a google sheet. Her effort is very much appreciated. Nearly, full collections of both are now in place at the PPH and the Library. Accessibility to these resources will be better with a library collection available during library open hours..

### Insurance for Valuable Items

There was a discussion about the process to get a quote from Miranda Burroughs. This would require our agent receiving a copy of the appraisal from us, receiving and filling out forms for Miranda, submitting them back to Miranda, who would then put the items on the "market". Bids for insurance for the items would be returned to the agent by Miranda, Cody, our agent, would communicate them to us. Susan felt it was not unreasonable to proceed with Cody.

Allen suggested that a simple "rider" might be appropriate.

Louise asked the question of whether a safe or vault with proper ventilation could be purchased or constructed that could protect the valuable items, possibly in the basement.

Phyllis pointed out that if the items were in a vault we would need to move them for display purposes.

She suggested we take a field trip to the Danville Historical Society to see how they are displaying and protecting their Civil War uniform.

Susan looked up the open hours for Danville

TO DO: Louise volunteered to contact Danville to see if we could visit on March 6th.

We will discuss this challenge with Roving Archivist March 31 or April 14 1 to 3

## 911 maps for historical landmarks

Brent explained that the Vermont 911 database for specific locations in the state of Vermont is considered one of the best in the country.

He has been working with them to understand how we can add historical landmarks to their database.

Brent can enter them himself or send an excel doc with a list.

We will need to identify the spots we want recorded.

TO DO: Brent and Allen will begin to collect these places by talking with elders in the town, referring to MGG.

TO DO: Louise will put a notice in the newsletter asking folks for their ideas of places they think should be noted as a historic landmark or a place they would like identified.

Please note, Deborah's list of unidentified places relating to MGG was lost when her last computer died, however, she will submit a list asap.

The 911 map can be found online at VT E911 VIEWER

## Calendar

Roving Archivist March 31st 1-3 April 14th 1-3 (back up) All invited

Library Collaborations:

April 18th (Friday) 5:30 Mark Greenberg Vermont Folk Music not fully confirmed. No contribution from GHS required. We could announce it to our members through the newsletter.

May 16th there will be a Library program: A Recipe for Success Finding Women Through Community Cookbooks

Louise may write an article about this for the newsletter.

## Open Houses

We will open the PPH on the first Saturdays of the month starting in June. **10am to 2pm**

June 7th 10 am to 2 pm **Allen**

June 28th A Day in Our Village Library Collaboration (Metal detecting at the GHS?) **Deborah**

The Cemetery Commissioners will host a Cemetery activity geared towards children for this occasion, we might be able to be helpful

July 5th **Louise**

August 2nd **Brent**

Sept. 6th ???? opening not definite

August event (Date to be determined) **Deborah will reach out to Garret Garth about giving a talk about his book of oral histories of COVID**

October Fall Foliage - Detectorist program **Louise: Mud Dawg Mandy**

**Deborah: Martin Kelin's friend,**

**Patrick and Allen Demos**

## Next Meeting April 29 11 am

Agenda items

Determine workday date and plan. Include Upgrading the children's nook. Determine where the new display case will go. Ended around noon.