

## ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES FOR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

1. Attendance: Dave Stacy, Kathy Stacy, Gulley Dunlap, Rosemary Hanes, Sal Guadagnino, Albert Emerson, Anita Watson-Garland, Gary Hamel, Donna Makarewicz, Judith Connelly, Bob Proulx, Sharon Proulx.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on November 4, 2019 were approved as printed.
3. The Historical Commission check book balance on January 25, 2020 was \$10,896.51. Rosemary asked how much the T-shirt project generated. That total was \$1,170.00.
4. Update on writing and publishing the town history.

Gary will work on the town history from Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Commission agreed to pay him \$20.00 per hour. A great deal of what he wrote this summer will be included in the history.

5. Plans for the library collection.

It was suggested that we have a book sale in the spring. The original 198 books that were given to the Town by the State will be saved along with other books that we think are of historical value. Donna, Albert, Bob and Gary volunteered to work on this project when it gets warmer. Gary wants to save some of the books for paper making.

6. Report on new acquisitions for the historical collection.

Judith Lindahl donated some 1950's dresses for the museum. Gary donated 3 pieces of red ware.

7. Other Business

Sandi Pierson asked that we discuss restoring the overhang that once covered the front step entry of the Town House. It was voted that the members did not feel this renovation is needed at this time. Anything that was built to necessary specifications to cover the new granite steps would not replace what had originally been there.

It was decided to keep the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration capital reserve fund open.

Judith Connelly shared about her son, John Campe's, retirement from the Navy. John was in the Navy for 24 years. Dave Stacy presented her with a commemorative coin to give to John.

Rosemary and Sal presented a framed calendar which includes all the events of our 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration and a picture of the all the citizens who gathered for the community photograph.

Rosemary presented several articles for the time capsule that she had sealed in plastic.

Gary and Donna are interested in offering some family history days. An old computer from the Selectmen's office was suggested, but Kathy suggested they start with a new laptop and that it be secured.

Gary announced that he has started painting again. He is looking for photographs of people to paint, or people dressed in old clothes to model for him.

8. The next meeting was set for April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Proulx, Chair