

Town of Horicon Historical Society – April 22, 2024, Corrected Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Town of Horicon Historical Society April 22, 2024, monthly meeting was held at the Horicon Community Center and was called to order by Vice President, Janet Early at 6:00 pm. Board members present were Kathy Hill, Diane Loika, Mary Ann Hill, Barbara LaFond and John Caruso via zoom. Other members present were Jim Ventura and Barbara Blum.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 4 monthly meeting were provided to everyone by email from Kathy Hill on March 7 and hard copies were available at this meeting. Thank you to Janet Early for posting the March minutes to the new website. Mary Ann Hill motioned to accept the March minutes as received and Barb LaFond seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the treasurer's report for the Period of March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 was presented by Diane Loika. Mary Ann Hill motioned and Kathy Hill seconded to accept that the Treasurer's report as received, and the motion carried.

Town Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Mike Geraci was not present at the meeting, but asked Janet Early to bring to the board his report as follows:

-The Town of Horicon would like to engage ECS MidAtlantic LLC to do a test for lead/asbestos on the exterior of Horicon Historical Society Museum Annex in Adirondack. A proposal for these services has been received in the amount of \$1298. Much discussion followed and a motion was brought by Mary Ann Hill and seconded by Kathy Hill to contribute \$649 of Historical Society funds to that test. A vote of 5 ayes and 1 abstention followed and the motion passed.

-The Town of Horicon has obtained from Cedarwood Engineering an evaluation report for the scope of work of exterior repairs needed at the Annex as well. The analysis has suggested that repairs may be in the ballpark of \$71,000 without lead/asbestos abatement. It was noted that should abatement be necessary that this number would increase. The breakdown was as follows: front doors \$4800, windows \$9600 and exterior \$56784. Supervisor Geraci has asked the Board to consider committing an amount of funds on hand for this project and much discussion ensued. He extended the possibility of staging the project/work over multiple years. Kathy Hill motioned that the HHS would agree to holding an amount of available funds, not to exceed \$25,000, as a contribution towards the Town of Horicon project of restoring the exterior of the Adirondack Museum Annex, Janet Early seconded and the motion passed with one nay. The members also discussed possible future fund-raising efforts for this project through grants and donations. More discussion will ensue.

-Supervisor also sought the Board review of a proposed advertisement (attached) for the position of Museum Services Coordinator with specific wording provided for consideration. Kathy Hill motioned to request the Town to remove the phrase "oversee the acquisition of artifacts" (because the Society has an effective process for managing artifact acquisition) from the advertisement, Barb LaFond seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Town of Horicon Historian's Report: Historian Colleen Murtagh was unable to attend the April meeting due to a previous commitment and provided her report by email to the board. Hard copies were available at the meeting and a copy is attached.

Correspondence: Our new website and our museum phone are receiving inquiries and all have been provided info or referred to the Historian. North Warren Central School inquired to see if the HHS would once again provide donations for the graduating class of 2024. Kathy Hill motioned and Barbara LaFond seconded that two, \$250 scholarships, be sent by May 1, for two students pursuing educations in history and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – Winter workshops were held on March 18, albums were completed for other society's newsletters, March 25 was cancelled, but work continued independently on creating albums of 1980's Brant Lake Association material from Colleen Murtagh and Wayne Butler.

New Business – Grants – CFGMR platform for grant applications has opened with a submission deadline of May 31. Mary Ann Hill will attend the application presentation in North Creek on 4/25 with the Horicon Library committee and Barbara Blum and report back. Kathy Hill volunteered to submit the 2024 application on behalf of the HHS and consideration for a multi-year request to support the Town of Horicon renovation of the exterior of the ADK Annex will be prioritized.

Museums – May/June cleanings and new display setups will be conducted one day a week for 2 hours. 5/6, 5/14, 5/20, 6/7, 6/11 and 6/17

Volunteers are needed for all special events, as docents at each location, for May and June upcoming clean, prep and decorate sessions with new albums and artifacts.

2024 Special Events are as follows:

The date for the Brant Lake Association Founder's Day event has been set as August 10 after the Canoe Race at the Horicon Museum. John Caruso will be the coordinator for the event.

Celebration of Tom Johansen's life is scheduled for June 27 at the Brant Lake Museum, following a memorial service at the Brant Lake Cemetery at 1pm. Camille Dougan is coordinating this event, albums will be put together and shared, refreshments will be served.

Donations – Three historical artifacts were presented for approval as donations to the museum collection: a T Shirt from Sunset Mtn Lodge from Kathi Morriseau, a collection of cancelled envelopes with special military postmark from 1950 & 1951 to Mrs. Martins by Mike Turcotte and a sign from the AlAlta Bean racehorse farm by Tracy Bureau: Barbara Lafond motioned and Mary Ann Hill seconded to accept these pieces and the motion unanimously carried.

Committee Reports:

Program Committee: Dates for the Summer lecture series to be presented by Town Historian Colleen Murtagh are as follows:

Tues, July 16 - 6 pm at the Horicon Community Center "The Bustling Days of Early Brant Lake"

Wed Aug 14 - 6 pm at the Adk Annex "Adirondack Through the Eyes of an Early Photographer"

Barbara Blum reported that Larry Meltzer has offered to provide music from his collection of local musician, Jimmy Van Huesen CD's, for an evening of music and details will follow.

Author of the Adirondack 102 Club & Adirondack Fire Towers, Marty Podskotch may be available for a lecture this Summer as well. It was proposed that HHS jointly sponsor with the Library. The Library Board will consider this at their May meeting.

Snippet: Janet Early presented some books dated from 1911 through the 1970s and a copy of a 1881 Property Transfer Deed of the Millbrook Union Church Association for attendees to view. These items will be available this Summer at the Adirondack Annex.

Vice President Janet Early opened the meeting for comments from the floor: No comments from floor.

Adjournment: Barbara LaFond moved and Mary Ann Hill seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion carried. Next meeting, May 13, will include the proposed 2024 budget and be held at Town of Horicon Community Center, 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Hill, Secretary

The 2024 Summer museum schedule is June 27 thru Sept 28 as follows:

Thursday 11 to 3 Brant Lake

Friday 11 to 3 Adirondack and 5 pm at the Food Truck Friday with displays

Saturday 11 to 3 Brant Lake and Adirondack

To view our new web site, go to www.horiconhistory.com and be sure to contact us from your email so that you receive updates on minutes, meetings, events and happenings ahead.

Correction to April Monthly Minutes: Old Business RE Completed framing work

At the May 13th monthly meeting, Sylvia Smith noted that there was an omission in the April Monthly Minutes being presented and asked for a motion to amend the April minutes. Below is the original motion made at the April meeting that was omitted.

Kathy Hill motioned and Barb LaFond seconded to approve an expense of \$641.39 for framing of four pictures, completed at Riverside Gallery. The motion carried unanimously.

John Caruso motioned and Mary Ann Hill seconded that the April Minutes be received with amendment as per above and the motion carried unanimously.