

## Town of Horicon Historical Society – March 4, 2024, Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Town of Horicon Historical Society March 4, 2024, ANNUAL Meeting was held at the Horicon Community Center and was called to order by President, Sylvia Smith at 6:03 pm. Board members present were Kathy Hill, Diane Loika, Janet Early, Mary Ann Hill and John Caruso via zoom. Other members present were Jim Ventura, Horicon Supervisor Mike Geraci, Jacob Smith, Jaden Smith, Barbara LaFond and Barbara Blum.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the December 11 monthly meeting were provided to everyone by email prior to the meeting. Thank you to Janet Early for distributing the minutes via email and posting the minutes to the new website. These minutes were approved by the board at a Winter Workshop.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the treasurer's report for the Periods of Dec 1, 2023 through Feb 29, 2024 was presented by Diane Loika. Kathy Hill motioned, and Mary Ann Hill seconded to accept that the Treasurer's report was received, and the motion carried. Discussion followed on the CD at GFNB that is renewing 4/12/24. Mary Ann Hill motioned and Kathy Hill seconded to renew that CD for a **six-month** term. The motion passed.

**Town Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Mike Geraci advised that he and Sylvia Smith had met with Cedarwood Engineering about the renovations needed at the Adirondack Museum Annex. Three segments were identified: Front Doors, windows and the exterior. Supervisor Geraci advised that the Town of Horicon, who owns the building, will take the next step to seek a formal environmental analysis plan with estimates for each segment separately. **Currently, the projected costs are \$56K but the environmental analysis is critical for a more accurate estimate.** Also reported on was the grant funded work to be done at the Heintzleman Library with a goal of *completion* prior to the first Food Truck Friday on July 5, 2024.

### **Historical Society President's Report:**

Sylvia Smith thanked Vice President Janet Early for organizing the Winter workshops and all volunteers for their participation. Great work is being accomplished and a report **is attached.**

Old Business – Robert Wallace, Town of Horicon employee will be staining the porch at the Brant Lake Museum, **restoring the donated display cabinet from the Firehouse**, as well as providing labor for other projects. Through the Town of Horicon, the Historical Society will seek to advertise for the part time position of, Coordinator of Museum Service for the 2024 season. Society members are asked to email Janet Early their suggestions for a job description and any other thoughts by 3/15/24.

New Business – a collection of Town of Horicon pictures, including those taken during the build of the Brant Lake boat launch in the 1980s were donated by Chuck and Jean Baker, local residents. Mary Ann Hill motioned and Diane Loika seconded to accept these photos and the motion carried.

Camille Dougan, HHS Chairperson will organize, a celebration of life for Thomas Johansen, at the Horicon Museum with refreshments in late June and publish a tribute in the **Brantlaker** dedicated to Tom's many years of service to the Society. Date will be determined.

**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

**2024 Special Events** are as follows:

July 16 Town Community Center 6 to 7, Historian Colleen Murtagh will present on early history in the Town of Horicon

Aug 14, Adk Museum Annex 6 to7, Historian Colleen Murtagh will present on Johnson Family and Early Adirondack Settlement

Date TBD, a Sat in August, Brant Lake Assoc Founders Day and open house, Brant Lake Museum, this event is being chaired by John Caruso

**Additional workshops** will be organized by Janet Early with the dates to be considered of March 11 and 25 and April 22. Janet will email members once dates are confirmed.

Janet reported on the **Winter Workshops** that were conducted in January & February.

-Volunteers organized photos and documents and created several new albums and brought other albums from storage to review. Ideas for new 2024 displays were offered and artifacts were brought from storage to make new presentation. A full list of all of the wonderful projects that were undertaken and completed is attached. There are still many exciting projects to work on and volunteers and members are encouraged to join in March and April.

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

## **Committee Reports:**

**Sunshine committee:** Barbara Blum advised she had sent a note of condolence to the Tom Johansen family. A get well card to Robert Smith, Hilda Duell ? and Pat Tunney. Pat, a fabulous former secretary for the HHS would love to hear from all members, her address is: Terrace @ The Glen, Apt 161, 71 Longview Drive, Queensbury NY 12804. Phone 518 832 7578.

**Snippet:** Diane Loika presented the certificates of attendance that were given to students after their tours of the Brant Lake museum. She has created new certificates, for the Brant Lake Museum and the Adk Museum that will now be available at both locations.

Sylvia showed the photo albums she created from photos extracted from storage. One of the photo albums centers on Brant Lake Association events and the other doesn't have a theme yet. Many of the photo sheets could be moved into a more appropriate album once all the photo albums are reviewed and sorted.

**President Sylvia Smith opened the meeting for comments from the floor:** Barbara Blum suggested we get a CD of Jimmy Van Heusen music that could be played in the Carriage House during tours.

**Adjournment:** Diane Loika moved and Mary Ann Hill seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion carried. Next meeting, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Town of Horicon Community Center, 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Hill, Secretary