

## **Town of Horicon Historical Society – June 10, 2024, Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The Town of Horicon Historical Society June 10, 2024, monthly meeting was held at the Horicon Community Center and was called to order by President, Sylvia Smith at 6:00 pm. Board members present were Kathy Hill, Diane Loika, Mary Ann Hill, Janet Early, Barbara LaFond and John Caruso. Other members present were Jim Ventura, Barbara Blum, Camille Dougan, Robert Smith, Jacob Smith, Jaden Smith, Supervisor Mike Geraci and Mary Jo Hebert.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the May 13, 2024, monthly meeting were provided to everyone by email prior to the meeting and hard copies were available at this meeting. Kathy Hill read an addendum that originated at the June 7, 2024, Spring workshop where a motion was made to frame the Al Bean sample sales display. John Caruso motioned to accept the minutes as received with addendum and Mary Ann Hill seconded that the May minutes be received, and the motion carried unanimously. Thank you to Janet Early for posting the May minutes with addendum to our website.

**Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the treasurer's report for the Period of May 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, was presented by Diane Loika. Thank you to Diane for revising the format for clarity and readability and to include any holds place on funds waiting to be allocated. John Caruso motioned and Kathy Hill seconded to accept that the Treasurer's report as received, and the motion carried.

**Budget Committee Report:** The budget committee met with board members on May 23, 2024 and created the 2024 HHS Budget to be used with the grant submission for the CFGMR application. Mary Ann Hill motioned and John Caruso seconded that the budget be accepted as presented and the motion carried.

**Upcoming HHS Events:** Thank you to Janet Early for compiling a list of 2024 events and posting them to our website, all events are open to the public at no charge. This list is attached and is available for publication and as an advertisement resource. What wonderful calendar of events HHS has ahead this year, do not miss out.

**Town Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Mike Geraci presented to all present an exciting new video promoting the Town of Horicon. This video was created by local marketing guru Margaret Holmes of Mather Media over the last year and includes our very own Historical Society buildings in pictures. The video will be broadcast on Lake George TV, websites of area Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development sites as a marketing tool for our Town. We will be able to post the completed video to our HHS website in the future.

Supervisor Geraci offered the HHS access to promote our events via the Town of Horicon website and Facebook. A hazmat assessment including lead paint testing will be done this week at the Adk Museum Annex by ECS MidAtlantic. Cedarwood Engineering has offered to assist the Town of Horicon in obtaining estimates from painting contractors. The hot water tank will be installed in the Adk Museum Annex very soon. An exterior assessment of the Adk museum annex has been completed and there are plans to beautify the landscaping. July 5<sup>th</sup> is

the first Food Truck Friday and the board confirmed we will have our table and tent set up and be presenting for the first time, our new albums created in the Winter workshops, as well as bringing snippets and working artifacts such as a portable washing machine.

**Town of Horicon Historian's Report:** Historian Colleen Murtagh was unable to attend this meeting but emailed her report and Kathy Hill read the report during the meeting. A copy is attached. Colleen reported that she is working on her two presentations including in the upcoming events list on July 16th and August 14th. Colleen acted as Historical Tour Guide at Woodstock Revisited on the Mill Pond and encouraged attendees to visit our museums and attend the upcoming events as well as talking about the Village as it looked 130 years before. She attended: quarterly Warren County Historians meeting, met with members of the Charles Bolton family and exchanged information as well as copying new information that they brought. Received photos from the Patty Hayes Gonyo family as well as a copy of the first Horicon Central School Yearbook 1947, spoke with Bryce Johnson about the watering tub and was working on a new request for information about the Schroon Lake Gas & Mining Company.

**HHS Presidents report:** Sylvia Smith thanked the Town of Horicon employees, Rob, Vicki and Shane who painted the porch, lattice work and bookcase at the Horicon Museum and are moving items between our two locations later this week. Thanks also to all workshop attendees for creating new displays at each location. Some possible structural damage has been noted at the Horicon Museum and President Smith asked Supervisor Geraci to have Cedarwood Engineering review for cause and renovation. Volunteers continue to be sought for museum openings, regular hours and events. Anyone wishing to join or volunteer can contact HHS at Food Truck Fridays.

**Donations** – A potential donation of a collection of black frames has been offered. Kathy Hill motioned and John Caruso seconded to table the answer on this until the frames can be viewed prior to the next meeting and the motion carried.

(Extract from HHS minutes on May 13 for reference regarding discussion on watering tub: The watering tub stone fountain from the Schroon Lake Park district property on Watering Tub Road: John Francisco recalled a brief history of the watering tubs to date and advised that the current stone was available as a donation and would need to be relocated soon. Mary Ann Hill motioned and John Caruso seconded to accept this stone contingent upon a decision of where to place it at the Horicon Museum and that the history of the watering tub site and this last stone be documented and the motion carried. Dan Smith agreed to research and report on the history.)

Several board members have viewed the watering tub stone on Watering Tub Road and expressed concerns. A new motion by Mary Ann Hill and seconded by John Caruso to rescind our acceptance of the watering tub donation and the motion carried.

Discussion ensued and John Caruso motioned and Barb LaFond seconded to invoke the contingency from the original motion to accept the watering tub as a donation due to the lack of an appropriate location to be able to place it at the Horicon Museum location and the motion carried. A third motion by Janet Early and seconded by Barbara LaFond followed to offer the Schroon Lake Park district a historical plaque along with some flowers in the tub or be placed near the watering tub at its current location and the motion carried.

**President Sylvia Smith opened the meeting for comments from the floor: none**

**Adjournment:** Janet Early moved and Barbara LaFond seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion carried. Next meeting, July 8 will be held at Town of Horicon Community Center, 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Hill, Secretary

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**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

**Volunteers are needed:**

-for June upcoming clean, prep and decorating sessions with new albums and artifacts

-for all special events and Food Truck Fridays

-as docents at each location during the 2024 Season Schedule

*Prior experience is not necessary, and training will be provided.*

*Come, join the fun and be a part of making new history!*