

Town of Horicon Historical Society – July 8, 2024, Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Town of Horicon Historical Society July 8, 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 Colleen Murtagh.

Minutes: Minutes from the June 10, 2024 monthly meeting were provided to everyone by email prior to the meeting and hard copies were available at this meeting. John Caruso motioned to accept the minutes as received with addendum and Barbara LaFond seconded that the June Minutes be received and the motion carried unanimously. Thank you to Janet Early for posting the June minutes to our website.

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the treasurer's report for the Period of June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 was presented by Diane Loika. An updated purchasing protocol was reviewed, such that all purchases would be made with a HHS check. Invoices can be emailed to the treasurer for payment. John Caruso motioned and Janet Early seconded to accept that the Treasurer's report as received, and the motion carried.

HHS Events: The Memorial Service for Tom Johansen was very well attended and a recap of the event, including a shrub planting and plaque at the Horicon Museum is attached. Thanks to Camille Dougan for heading this event. The list of upcoming events through October 1, 2024 is once again attached. Volunteers are needed to assist with putting out flyers ahead and set up/take down for each event. Please contact Janet Early or Sylvia Smith to volunteer and join the fun. Kathy Hill suggested that these events be recorded and access be available as a link from the HHS website.

Town Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Mike Geraci asked all in attendance to keep Pete Palmer, town board member, in our thoughts as his family and friends will be gathering on July 27, 2024 to celebrate his life. The results of the lead paint survey conducted at the Adirondack Museum Annex are awaited and one quote for the proposed scope of work has been received at \$66,000. BPI pipe has donated the labor and materials to install the hot water heater in the Adirondack Museum Annex as early as this coming weekend. The Heintzleman Library has had its first replacement window installed and the electrical renovation work has begun.

Town of Horicon Historian's Report: Historian Colleen Murtagh advised that she continues to work on her presentations for the HHS and the database. She has received documents from the Tom Durkish family including Horicon Central School Newsletters from the 1950s and 1960s. The first Food Truck Friday on July 5th created good foot traffic through the Heintzleman Library. The dehumidifier, donated by the Chestertown Rotary is in place and working. Colleen offered to open the Heintzleman during the Brant Lake Association Founders Day event.

Old Business:

Black frames donated by Carol Ann Habeb-Kiel have been received and found to be in great condition, all with glass and some with matting. Janet Early motioned to accept this donation, Barbara LaFond seconded and the motion carried.

Watering Tub Closure – HHS members attended the Horicon Town Board Meeting to rescind the HHS offer to accept the current watering tub at the Horicon Museum due to lack of a good place to display it due to size. HHS offered to produce a plaque at the site on the Schroon River, naming the Towns of Chester, Horicon and Schroon. Discussion ensued during the meeting about the possibility of applying to the Pomeroy Foundation for this plaque.

CFGMR grant – Kathy Hill continues to check on the web site to see if our application was successfully granted and will report again at the August meeting.

New Business:

Cedarwood Engineering met on site at the Horicon Museum with members and determined the cause of the wall damage to be the need for window caulking. Cedarwood advised that the basement, upstairs level, and attic were all in very good shape. Further, mini splits for heat and air conditioning will be explored to provide better protection for the HHS artifacts. Vicky Jones, as the Town of Horicon Building Maintenance delegate, will seek estimates for this work.

Sylvia Smith will seek pricing for hats to be purchased and sold at Food Truck Fridays as a fund raiser for HHS.

A reorder of cards with the list of 2024 events was discussed. John Caruso motioned, and Mary Ann Hill seconded that the printing of 100 additional cards be ordered from M&M Printing and the motion carried.

Sylvia Smith advised that membership in the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce had already generated advertising for the HHS and that Angela O'Reilly, Membership Manager for the LGRCC would be conducting a site visit at the Horicon Museum on July 18, 2024.

Barbara LaFond has researched the cost of small refrigerators through Lowes to be approximately \$129 each and she would like HHS to consider purchasing one for each museum location. Discussion followed and the item has been tabled to a future meeting.

Comments from the floor

Mary Ann Hill asked if the Warren County Passports will once again be provided this year.

Barbara Blum suggested having quilt patches for children at Food Truck Friday as an activity to engage them at the HHS table and will provide the necessary materials for this project, dates to be determined.

Food Truck Fridays – volunteers who would like to join HHS members at our tables during these events are asked to contact Janet Early and Sylvia Smith. Scheduled members are:

7/12/24 – 4 pm on – Mary Ann Hill and Barbara Blum

7/19/24 – 4 pm on – Diane Loika and Barbara LaFond

7/26/24 – 4 pm on – Mary Ann Hill

Adjournment: Barbara LaFond motioned and John Caruso seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion carried. Next meeting, August 12, 2024 will be held at Town of Horicon Community Center, 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Hill, Secretary

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.

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

Thursdays - 11 to 3 Brant Lake

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

Saturdays - 11 to 3 Brant Lake and Adirondack

Volunteers are needed:

- 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!