

Town of Horicon Historical Society – May 29, 2025, WORKSHOP 3 pm

Additional Uses for Adirondack Museum Annex & other HHS Buildings

The Town of Horicon Historical Society May 29, 2025 workshop was held at the Adirondack Museum Annex at 3 pm and led by President, Sylvia Smith. Board members present were Kathy Hill, Diane Loika, Mary Ann Hill, Janet Early, Barbara LaFond and John Caruso. Other members present were Jim Ventura, Camille Dougan, Robert Smith, Supervisor Mike Geraci, Melanie Fuest, Louis Rambone, Wayne Butler, Mary Jo Hebert and Rob Wallace.

President Sylvia Smith opened the workshop with a brief recap of requests made to the HHS by Horicon Town Board Member Teri Schuerlein to increase the use of the Adirondack Museum Annex building so that financial investments in building renovations being considered by the Town of Horicon could be substantiated. Sylvia advised that based on HHS desire to move forward with the building as the Adk Museum Annex and by the expressed intentions of HHS to take actions to increase use, that it looked positive that the Town Board would support moving forward with the renovations on the building in the near future.

The floor was opened to all in attendance to present ideas for expanded uses and a list was compiled, reviewed and prioritized for 2025 pending HHS board and membership approval at the next monthly meeting scheduled for June 9, 2025.

Possible uses for 2025 listed below in no particular order of priority were:

- Shared meeting space and community events with other local organizations including but not limited to ESSLA and Town of Horicon Board Meeting August 2025.

- Vintage and Antique Car Club Shows

- HHS Programs

- A yard sale on the same date in 2025 as the Adk Yard Sale August 9, 2025

- National Public Radio (NPR) & Channel 8 TV – interviews and podcasts with the HHS

- Strengthen the collaboration with local businesses, i.e., Adirondack General Store

Possible future year uses brought forth not yet to be considered for 2025 were:

- Music & free musician jam sessions

- Amateur Photography Shows

- Block Party in Adirondack

- Story hours for adults and children

- Plant sales/swaps

-Artists Showcases

-Meetings by other organizations such AA, book clubs, scouting badge projects

Logistics for Events was discussed:

-Limitation on the number of people occupying the Adk Museum Annex at one time to 30 being reasonable for the space available

--No food or drink can be allowed inside per Warren County Zoning classification as a museum

-An HHS member must be present for all uses

-Various room set up designs with tables/chairs provided: IE theater style, class room style and round table style

-A contract for use will be created and it was suggested that we capture emails from participants for future membership recruiting

-Audio/visual – initially would be the responsibility of the users, future value-added option

-A plan to open and close the building by a HHS member must be in place

-Other logistics – timing of events, season of use – interior climate control/AC-heat, storage of chairs and tables

Sylvia Smith brought the workshop to a close in one hour as promised. Thank you to everyone who attended – what a turn out! The list of possible uses agreed on will be brought to the June 9th HHS meeting for a vote. HHS members will take ideas forward to seek partners and additional workshops will be scheduled.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Hill, Secretary