

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

September 24, 2025, in the Steele Community Room

Present: President Cheryl Casey, Stacey Askew, Laura Parette, Margaret Moreland, Jill Chase, Ryan Geary, Skip Flanders, Bill Woodruff and Grace Sweet
Copies to: Joe Camaratta, Margo Sayah, Sandy Hough, and Jan Gendreau

Minutes of August 20: Corrections – Ryan's last name is Geary, not Cleary. WHS does not have a hard copy of the Waterbury Flood Recovery Plan. The town got a copy from the Central Vermont Reg. Planning Commission (CVRPC). Kinsley's last name is Holl, not Hall. Jill made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Margaret seconded. Approved.

Operations Reports: See the copy from the President's email.

Ryan volunteered to be a host at the History Center Open House on Sat., Oct. 11. Brian Farnsworth will do some time. Laura will ask others to be sure the hours are covered.

Outreach Education Committee (OEC): See printed report.

Program: 2pm on Saturday, October 18 in the Steele Room. The Annual Meeting will begin at 2:00. A ZOOM link to attend and vote at the annual meeting can be found at <https://bit.ly/WHS-meeting2025>.

The program will begin at 2:30. It is entitled The Service and Legacy of WWII Marine and Education Professor **Dr. Daniel Marshall** presented by his great nieces Amy Marshall-Carney, Susan Connolly and Judy Long. Skip will connect with Amy in advance re: her power point presentation. Laura will preside at the greeting table. WHS books will be for sale.

Financial Report: Joe was not present, but he had submitted his report. Bill made a motion to accept it, Jill seconded. Approved.

Honoring the 250th year of the founding of the United States. A suggestion has been made to incorporate **VT 250 themes** into the exhibits in the History Center. Cheryl is the committee organizer for the townwide event honoring the 250th year of the founding of the United States. The local recognition is under the auspices of the selectboard. The Rotary and the owner of the Stagecoach Inn are interested in being involved as are several other Waterbury residents.

The American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) has proposed the following themes: Unfinished Revolutions, Power of Place, We the People, American Experiment and Doing History. A person can go to the town website and look under News and Initiatives to find more information. Cheryl is looking for ideas.

Bylaws – amendments: the committee members (Joe, Cheryl, and Margaret) will keep working on the bylaws. It is not required that amendments to the bylaws be acted upon at an Annual Meeting.

Exhibits: Cheryl and Ryan made a proposal to close the exhibit space for 3 to 4 months to give volunteers an opportunity to showcase a wider range of stories with more information to make a greater impact. Some topics that might be worthy of recognition are Ezra Butler, Dr. Janes' wife, Francis Janes, Waterbury residents in all wars. People will still be able to access Past Perfect. Margaret said that she would be willing to meet people who would like to access files. **A grand reopening will be planned for the spring.**

In connection with the above proposal is Stacey Askew's leave of absence to care for her husband beginning Nov. 1. She would like to take the laptop home to work on cleaning up the database during that time. Margaret made a motion to allow Stacey to take the laptop. Jill seconded. Approved. Sandy Hough will continue entering items into Past Perfect.

Cheryl is taking a truckload of excess and deaccessed items to Merrill's Auction House on Friday, September 26.

Annual Appeal letter: Cheryl has written a letter. Some feedback was given.

The **Waterbury Historic Tour Brochure** needs to be distributed around the town for visitors.

Next meeting: October 15 at 4:30 in the Steele Room.

Notes respectfully submitted by Grace Sweet (Grace will not be present on 10/15. Laura volunteered to take the minutes).