

Goshen Historical Commission Meeting

November 14, 2013

7 p.m. @ the Museum

- 1) Minutes of October meeting tabled to December meeting.
- 2) Finance Report
 - a. Balance of Historical Commission Fund \$3,384.62
 - b. Gift Fund \$3,259.59
 - c. Book Fund \$286.50
- 3) Historical Properties:
 - a. The back porch of the Williams/Boltwood house is deteriorating. No new action on the fate of the property.
 - b. BL shared maps of local properties by company Oliver and Bing. These will be added to the completed MHC forms at their request.
- 4) Historical museum.
 - a. Report of the Curator
 - i. FM attended Plainfield Barns tour in October. Of interest an 1840 three-story barn below which on a stream is a mill built by William Willcutt Jr. after W.W.I. and has been reinstated by Albert Willcutt.
 - ii. October 22. FM visited the Rockingham VT museum and shared books with pictures of the church. This is considered a model for the Goshen Congregational Church. This Museum has MW's report on this.
 - iii. FM attended the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Park while in Vermont.
 - iv. November 4 - FM attended a Museum Textile Services program. He shared handouts explaining costume storage. A speaker on storing fabrics emphasized the repairing and cleaning. It was recommended to separate fabrics of animal (wool & silk) and plant (linen & cotton)

for storage. Plastic boxes not recommended. Quilt storage was discussed.

- b. Painting in the basement will resume in the spring.
- 5) CPC Representation - At the last meeting the committee received updated CPC plans.
- 6) Website - There is nothing new on the Historical Commission page. The Select board asked if they could use the website to post meeting notices. The Attorney General allows a website to be used as a bulletin board.
- 7) New business
- a. BL has purchased a photo scanner for slides and negatives, which he will use to document Museum material. There are Photo Labs which sell differently sized books in which photos may be stored.
 - b. The Commission agreed to accept and store the old records of the Goshen Congregational Church.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm.