

## Kingston Historical Museum

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Kingston Community Library on September 30, 2021

Members present: Ruth Albert, Kathy Chase, Christine Hume, Cindi Lewandowski, Walt Roy

Friends present: Jane Christie, Lesley Hume, Jef McDougal

Guest present: Kristen Eastman

Ruth called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

The committee members read the Minutes of August 25, 2021. Ruth made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. Christine seconded the motion.

### Meeting Items:

1. Meeting Date:  
November 5, 2021      3:30 PM
2. Museum Opening:  
October 9, 2021      1:00 – 4:00 PM  
Cindi commented that she is pleased to see visitors on Wednesday mornings when the the museum is open for a “work day.” A couple from Williamsburg, Virginia who are descendants of Josiah Bartlett, came by. Ruth gave them a tour of the museum.
3. The Budget:  
The proposed budget reflects last meeting’s discussion:
  1. An Epsom Perfect V850 Pro-Scanner – a large flatbed of 6400 pixels capable of copying glass light negatives and other items. Cost: \$1,149.00  
Of the amount, \$519.00 is an encumbered amount in the town budget; \$630.00 is donated by The Friends of the museum.
  2. A new main PC – Town consultants Block Five will recommend a computer module capable of handling the museum’s inventory of over a thousand items. The main computer is inadequate and cannot be shut off. It won’t come back on once it is shut off.
  3. The line- item request for the professional archivist will increase by \$2,00 because there is a backload of donated items to process. The archivist was busy last year processing the Sanborn Seminary archives.
  4. The line-item amount for the transcriptionist is \$1,000. There is also a backlog of oral interviews to transcribe. The goal is to do more interviews; many people want to contribute and be interviewed.
  5. New item: \$900.00 for a consultant – curator to help with the development of exhibits/Kingston stories to tell.
4. Upcoming programs:
  1. A presentation on Ottati & Goss/Kingston Steel Drum site as a Superfund site by Muffy Faucher and Danielle Genovese. Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

2. Kingston Missing Civil War Soldiers – the date to be determined
3. History Book Night – an evening when the public can ask questions about the History book.

All programs will take place at the Kingston Community Library.

4. Other:

The Partner's Bank requested historical photographs of Kingston to create a mural inside the building. In turn, they donated \$1,000.00 to The Friends.

The Friends plan to develop a fundraising program with the goal to create a preservation program (of the carriages, for example) and to meet other needs of the museum.

Kathy shared a recent flyer from the Derry Museum of History, one that the Derry Heritage Commission created in connection to the Museum's grand opening. She also shared a Manchester Union Leader article (May 15, 2021) about a history research project involving the Derry Heritage Commission and the St. Thomas Aquinas youth history club. The youth are "history detectives" as they research the origin and history of a letter and artifacts related to an incident of the Philippine-American War. The project is an inspiration for collaboration between town history organizations, local schools, and youth clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chase  
Secretary