

Tyringham Historical Commission Monday July 6, Firemen's Pavilion

Present: Alice Hale, chair, Sarah Hudson, Peter Charpentier, Carol Hardy-Fanta, Catherine Mardula, Amy Fennelly, Mark Curtin and Clinton Elliott chairman emeritus.

In the absence of Ann Gallo, clerk, the minutes of the June 1st meeting were read by Carol Hardy-Fanta and approved.

Maggie Howard's recent death was foremost in our minds. She was such a valued member for over 20 years and clerk for most of that time. Clint will draft a resolution to her family from the Historical Commission for us all to sign. What an inspiration and example Maggie was!

One of our alternate members will fill out her term which expires in 2022. The next select board meeting is July 13th at which they will consider any application from an alternate.

The ongoing identification of the 250th Anniversary slides will resume when it is easier to get together around a projector.

We discussed a new edition of *Views of the Valley* (about 25 paperbacks and 1 hardback of the 1989 version are left in stock) In the past thirty years we have found more photos and learned new information. How much should we change? The consensus was to publish (with the Hop Brook Club) a revised edition, not a completely new book. Nini asked everyone to go carefully through the captions and mark any suggested changes. Carol will begin to tackle the printing process, locating the original photos and finding out printing specifications and potential costs. She suggested that a way of including more material at minimal cost is to have a digital addendum.

Nini summarized Ann's report on the Oral History project. She has the funding for transcription mostly in place! She is getting release forms from living participants, contacting potential transcribers. She is seeking help with one tape of a group interview (conducted by Fred Judd with Duffy Clark, Nort Canon, and Gerald Swart). Mark would like to hear that tape as he could probably sort out the voices.

New Business: Amy brought up the question of preserving the old Baptist Church mounting block, which is being engulfed by vegetation. Mark will see if the Historical Commission could help the owner, Tom Fennelly, preserve this important town relic.

Respectfully Submitted

Nini Gilder, Clerk pro-tem

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