

Groton Historical Society
Meeting Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Peter Paul House

Present: President Deborah Jurist, Vice-president Brent Smith, Treasurer Susan Pelkey Smith, Corresponding Secretary Lise Shallberg, Recording Secretary Phyllis Burke, Allen Goodine, Dave Spencer

Deborah called the meeting to order at 4:00.

1. Minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2021 (distributed by email for prior consideration). Deborah moved and Brent seconded a motion to accept the minutes. All approved.
2. Treasurer's Report. Susan reported that the checking account balance as of the end of April was \$13,979.89. Deborah suggested we move more funds to the CD; Susan recommended that we wait until after Matt Nunn completes his work to have a better idea of our cash balance. Brent moved and Deborah seconded a motion to accept the report. All approved.
3. Cleaning the Peter Paul House. We discussed the extent to which the house needs to be cleaned, since it was not open in 2020. Lise found someone who does cleaning on the Front Page Forum. She will get an estimate of how much she would charge, and will also check with the woman who cleans the library and town offices. We will wait until August to have the cleaning done, and Dave pointed out that the outside window-washing should wait until just before the open house.
Lise also asked if we should have the building sprayed by the pest control guy again. Last year's fee was \$250.00; she will check on this year's fee. We can vote by email when the cost is known. (Eric Leblanc's quote is \$165.00 for pest control. Amount was approved by email vote.)
4. Plans for the Lake Groton Association annual meeting and for the August 28th lake-focused open house and exhibit at the Peter Paul House. Deborah spoke to Lake Groton Association president Rusty Reader about our presence at their annual meeting, which will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4th, at Boulder Beach. Yes, we can make a brief presentation after their business meeting, to include our exhibit of photos, plus our books, puzzles, the re-printed "Camping on the Pond" booklet, and Lise's map to sell.

Deborah suggested exhibit photos focus on the steamer, old boats, the railroad, and old bathing suits.

We planned the Peter Paul House open house for August 28th from 10:00 to 2:00. A discussion followed about communication between the Groton Lake Association and the GHS. Dave suggested using Facebook, posters, our sandwich board sign, the town sign, Listserve, Groton Ryegate Front Porch Forum, and the Groton Pond website. Allen suggested using the open house to boost membership and sell our stuff. Dave suggested having spare newsletters available. Deborah suggested that at our July meeting those present tour of the house so we'll all be prepared to guide visitors.

5. New puzzles with aerial photo of Lake Groton by Peter Kimball. Dave wondered if the photo could be sold as a print. We should check with Peter Kimball. How many puzzles to order? We agreed on 24 of the lake puzzle, and 12 each of the other two.
6. Camping on the Pond. Copies and More will print the booklets for \$4.35 each. After discussion, it was agreed to order 100 booklets and charge \$15.00 each. Deborah will design order forms for our products, and Lise will take an inventory of the books she has (she has been doing the mailing of orders).
7. Lise's map of properties on Lake Groton. Lise has added a depth map to the new version, and deleted owners' names from the legend. Addresses are physical (911) addresses. Lise distributed for discussion copies of text to be added, including a disclaimer about information sources, name of map, and Groton, VT Historical Society, 2021, plus our website. She will check on the cost of paper vs. laminated copies. Maps will be printed by Copies and More. Deborah suggested that we donate one to the Lake Groton Association, and Dave suggested that the Lake Association donate one to the Forest Store.
8. Other business. Phyllis asked permission to remove from the house a piece of clothing to take to the VHS's hands-on textile preservation workshop in Barre on June 16th. Permission was granted for her to take the hat from William Peck's Civil War dress parade uniform.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13th, at 4:00 at the Peter Paul house. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Burke
Recording Secretary