

Groton Historical Society

Meeting Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Peter Paul House

Present: President Deborah Jurist, Treasurer Susan Pelkey Smith, Louise Reynolds, Sarah Spira, Allen Goodine, Secretary Phyllis Burke

From 3:00 until 3:45 we folded, stamped, and labeled the fall newsletter to be ready for mailing. Deborah called the business meeting to order at 3:45.

1. **Newsletter.** Deborah and Louise have been working on the newsletter. Louise will try it as a Google article. They would like to focus each edition on an artifact from our collection. The Jesse Heath powder horn will be first, for the winter issue. Dale Brown's article about the powder horn can be condensed and amended.

Discussion followed about what to include going forward. Allen suggested choosing a recipe each month from our old cook books, and also an article on Groton news from the old **Groton Times**, which is on microfilm. Louise suggested tying them to state and US events from the same time. Sarah noted that **Groton Times** articles are available on-line from the VT Historical Society and from Newspapers.com. Deborah suggested using Hyperlinks, and comparing controversial past events to each other and to the present.

An insert will be added, to include books and puzzles for sale with order form, a membership form, and a survey for members. Survey questions, such as "What was your favorite newsletter article?" were suggested at the meetings of June 28th and July 19th. Phyllis will check those minutes and report for the next meeting. Allen will check the **Groton Times** articles for something to include. Louise will condense Dale Brown's article and Sarah will scan.

Content for winter issue will be 1) insert, 2) Jesse Heath's powder horn (photos and condensed Dale Brown article), 3) old recipe, 4) **Groton Times** article. Deadline will be December 1st.

Suggested topics for future issues were Dale Brown's article about old roads based on Indian trails, and all things related to women's roles in the 19th century and later.

2) **Minutes of past meetings.** Currently the minutes of past meetings exist only on a thumb drive owned by Phyllis. Sarah can retrieve them and transfer them to Terry Miller for storage on the web site.

3) **Donation.** Barbara Dunn Vance, a resident at Clark's Landing, would like to donate a large framed wedding certificate and framed photo of her grandparents, William James Dunn and Arvilla Waterman Page, who were married at the Groton Methodist Church in 1900. They lived on what is now Goodfellow Road. These items are in very good condition, and we voted to accept them with thanks.

A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th, to brainstorm for the newsletter and follow up from the Fall Foliage Day open house on Oct. 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Burke
Secretary

