

ASHBEL WOODWARD MUSEUM

BOARD of DIRECTORS

387 Rt 32 Franklin, CT 06254

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Minutes Regular Meeting

Wednesday January 17,2024, 7:30 pm

Meeting held at Town hall 7 Meeting House hill road due to icy conditions causing walking hazard at Ashbel Woodward House Museum.

1) Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Recognition of members present, Alden Miner, Calli Carboni, Matt Novosad

Members absent, Judi Novosad, Anthony Girasoli, Ray Berry, Roland, Irene Morgan

Motion made by Matt Novosad, seconded Calli Carboni to approve December 6, 2023 minutes. Motion passed.

2) New Business

Discussion concerning Memorial Day board participation and adding Gary Lalaumire to commission as well as to the board.

Election of Officers

Nominations made and accepted as follows:

Chairperson Judi Novosad

Co Chairman Alden Miner

Secretary Calli Carboni

Grant Facilitator Anthony Girasoli

Collections Curator Matt Novosad

Review of other business

Chairman report

Chairman Alden Miner reported some building movement probably due to water movement and the season we are experiencing thus far the dehumidifier is doing a good job but still keeping an eye on it.

Noted the PWD did take care of the museum area but he did change tonight's meeting due to the cold and remaining safety issue.

Secretary Report

None

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Museum Director Report

None

Collections

Matt reported there have been no large acquisitions, two from the Historical Society look good for the museum and all the moth balls have been excluded.

FHS

Next meeting will be about planning for the 250th Commission Museum participation by the end of January. Looking at the financial implications concerning the same.

There are two grants this year, one cultural allowing for exhibition at the museum and the second grant for fuel for the museum.

Old Business

1. 250th commission museum participation

Discussion of having the museum co-host for the 250th and to include Revolutionary War members in our cemeteries. Looking at the financial implications concerning the same.

2. ADA Compliant walkway/garden still pending town approval ARPA
Alden Miner reports there are still ARPA funds available but still working things out and are still pending.
3. House maintenance, repairs, issues
There is too much moisture causing the east side basement door to continue to be swollen shut.

Open Discussion

Discussion regarding having flowers on Ashbel Woodward grave for Memorial Day and the museum as well as house buntings.

Next meeting May 15, 2024, 7:30 pm unless the need arises.

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Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm