

Raymond Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting

Raymond Depot

10 October, 2019

Present: David and Kathleen Hoelzel, Joyce Wood, Marge Desjardins, Kathy McDonald, and Art Wolinsky.

Contract for plowing: The Town will no longer plow Private Roads without a contract. Depot Road is a private road owned by the Historical Society. As treasurer, Marge will sign the contract on behalf of the Society and make the required payment. The charge is \$110.40 annually; the cost is to be split between the Society and the Quintal heirs. The contract does not include salt; it does include price escalation. Kathy Hoelzel moved, seconded by Joyce to authorize Marge or her successor to sign the contract. the motion passed by unanimous assent. Marge will sent Art the information that he needs to set up a 'go fund me' page. Marge will send him a copy of our IRS letter with our EIN and confirmation that the Society is a non-profit organization. David moved, seconded by Kathy McDonald300 to have Marge send this information to Art; the motion passed by unanimous assent. So far \$690 has been raised for the "Save the Trains" fundraiser.

Christmas tree lighting on the Common is scheduled for December 8, 2019. The Historical Society will offer its usual cookies and hot chocolate at the Depot following the tree lighting. David will confirm with Sally that she is willing and available to play carols in the Gile School. When Wayne Watjus rewired the traffic light, he installed an outlet on that side of the Depot. The Board discussed whether the Society wanted to put Christmas lights on "Tommy's tree. Kathy Hoelzel moved to light the tree during the same hours as the traffic light (5 PM to

midnight. The Society disposed of the old television that was in the museum. Kathy McDonald will provide a flat screen television to replace that.

Insurance: Marge reported that the insurance premium on the Depot increased from \$3,000 to \$3,245. Marge suggested that we get another estimate and ask Bret Norris to explain the reason for the increase.

Gile School Project: After a period of inactivity, David reported that the Eagle Scout candidate showed up about 3 weeks ago. He further reported that the road side of the school looks to be done. The front side is still in rough condition.

Boston Post Cane: The Board of Selectmen will announce the new recipient of the Boston Post Cane at its meeting on September 21, 2019. Kim Prince is looking into a plaque for the names of Raymond's cane holders.

Water bill: Marge reported that the Society does not use any water in the first quarter of the year; nevertheless, the Town bill the Society \$70 for the quarter.

Posting suggestion: Kathy McDonald suggested that the Society post on its web page: 50 fun facts you did not know about Raymond.

Engine: David reported that Wayne Watjus would like to try to start up the Society's train engine, he thought it had been retired because the clutch went. ; he thought it might still run if the pistons are not seized up.

Harvest Supper: Kathy McDonald asked who was bringing what to the Harvest Supper. Joyce noted that some of the contributions are listed in last month's minutes. Marge signed a contract to use the Congregational Church hall at no charge. Kathy McDonald volunteered to bring cider. Joyce will bring a roast turkey as she usually does. Sally will call around to find out who is planning to bring what for the supper.

Art moved to adjourn, seconded by Joyce; the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Joyce Wood, Secretary