

Ira Historical Society Meeting  
June 29, 2016 @ 6:30 pm  
Ira Town Office

In Attendance: Daland Potter, Lew Hoffman, Regina Buffum, Melanie MacDonald, Jerri Hoffman, Bob Kirbach, Ellen Lloyd, Fran Lloyd, Di Whiteman, Bill Whiteman

Daland called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm

The minutes of the 3/30/2016 meeting were reviewed and prompted discussion of a logo for the Ira Historical Society. Ellen Lloyd brought printed samples of historical society logos that she found on the web and passed these on to Lew. Jerri recalled that Allyn Kahle had indicated that she had developed a design years ago for some previous event and had indicated that she was going to try to find it for consideration as a possible logo. Bill Whiteman suggested that the logo should include the Town Hall as it is the best known landmark of the town. Discussion ensued on oldest building, church, town hall, school and whether Ira is incorporated.

Bill Whiteman brought copies of the papers recognizing Ira Historical Society, Inc. as a 501(c) organization. Bill turned these over to Jerri as the Secretary. Ira Historical Society, Inc. can now accept tax free donations and can issue receipts. Bill will research sales tax exemption. Bill will develop a receipt to be used when donations are received.

The Society does not currently have a checking account. Melanie McDonald made motion for Treasurer to research best financial institution to serve the Society and move ahead with establishing an account; Fran Lloyd seconded. Bill indicated he thought it best if the checking account have a second person on it and suggested Jerri as secretary; Jerri agreed.

Some of the papers show an address of 53 West Street rather than 53 West Road. Bill will ensure this gets corrected to 53 West Road. Also Bill indicated he would verify with Karen that it is okay to use the Town Office as the address for the Society's mail.

Melanie read the membership discussion from the 1/27/16 minutes and reiterated that it was voted on that annual membership dues would be \$10 for Individuals and \$15 for Family membership. It was motioned and seconded that the fiscal year for the Society would be 7/1 through 6/30 with unanimous agreement. Members present paid their annual dues.

Lew provided a handout which compares the Eureka Schoolhouse in Springfield, VT, which according to the Vermont historic website is the oldest one-room schoolhouse in Vermont, and the Ira Central School. Lew learned of the Eureka Schoolhouse from Jim Moore. Discussion on the age of the Ira Central (Center) school arose as to the when it was built and when students actually started going to the school. The 1869 Beers map shows the existence of the school. Alice Perry was quoted in an article in the Rutland Herald dated, June 8, 1986, that there is no specific mention of the school in public records prior to 1896. Lew will continue researching.

Regina mentioned using the school as the historical society museum. It was pointed out that there would be numerous safety concerns using the school as the historic museum and the school no longer has electricity, etc.

Lew shared that he had attended the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge. He was impressed with the wealth of historical information and the event attendance. The event will be held in another two years and Lew expressed hope that perhaps Ira Historical Society could have a display at that time.

Lew gave a brief update of new additions to the website including antique cars and Ira family histories....to date, the Weaver, Perry, and Lincoln families have been added.

Meeting minutes will be maintained on the website rather than emailed out.

The next meeting scheduled was scheduled for Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Town Office.

Bill Whiteman moved to adjourn; Melanie seconded; meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerri Hoffman  
Secretary

July 5, 2016