



**Old Stone House Museum &
Historic Village
*2021 Annual Report***



A Message from the Director...



Dear Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village Community,

Recovery from the pandemic has been swift and full of renewed purpose at the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village. Though I'm not convinced we're all the way in the clear, we now have important tools we didn't have before 2020. These include the ability to successfully hybridize work schedules; pivot to

online programming; and stay agile and ready for anything.

We remain hopeful that the remainder of the 2021 season will be as outstanding as the first half has been. Since May, we've seen unprecedented numbers of visitors come through our doors, hungry for information. We've seen attendance at our events and programs swell. We've felt inspired by our diversity and equity work within our community. We've also forged alliances and partnerships with a multitude of other dynamic organizations.

This past year, we rebranded our organization to more fully express our village and new vitality. We've enjoyed a camaraderie and energy among the board, advisory and staff that has propelled us.

Amidst the successes of the year, the weight of the work still to do is omnipresent. There is something almost magnetic about the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village. It compels the staff, board, advisors and volunteers to go beyond the expectations of their posts. We are unspeakably lucky to have the devoted presence of these people working in unison to ensure the preservation and advancement of the organization.

Under strong leadership of board, advisors and staff, we have embarked on a number of new and exciting initiatives in 2021:

Alexander Twilight Initiative

Continuing along the path set in 2020 to celebrate stories of diversity through local and regional history, we have continued our diversity, equity and inclusion work in 2021. During this journey, we haven't lost sight of why our role in the community is essential, always continuing to honor African American Alexander Lucius Twilight as the central protagonist of our story.

This year we have further integrated this important work into our educational programs, especially into our burgeoning prekindergarten and family

programming. Juneteenth has also quickly become a staple event at the museum. This year it included an inspiring stakeholders meeting to kick off a new strategic planning period, the opening of the new exhibit on Mr. Twilight and his wife Mercy Ladd Merrill Twilight (supported by the Frank M. Barnard Foundation) and free museum tours.

Our Frederick Douglass and Beyond event on July 4th reimagined the traditional format of prior Reading Frederick Douglass events and included a robust community conversation following a powerful reading of Frederick Douglass's famous speech, "What to the Slave is the 4th of July?" by racial equity coordinator Roderick J. Owens. We will continue integrating these celebrations into our annual program with our Alexander Twilight Day Apple and Cheese Festival on September 26th and new interpretations of our collections led by our dynamic collections staff and committee.

Public Art Interpretations along the Twilight Educational Trail

A generous \$33,200 grant from the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, Northern Forest Center and Northern Border Regional Commission will support a new and exciting initiative starting this year. With the help of Brownington Central School students, four artists will be chosen to teach local school children in a one-day residency at the museum, then proceed to create their own interpretation of the human and historic landscapes Mr. Twilight called home through the mid 1800's. The four finalists will have the winter of '21-'22 to create their pieces. In the spring/early summer of 2022, the artists will present their public art along the Twilight Educational Trail. Their interpretive pieces will animate the trail and create a unique merging of recreation, history and art.

Expanding Educational Program

Under the superb leadership of our educational staff, the museum educational program hit full stride in 2021. The education team utilizes the many talents of its members to offer rich heritage onsite programming for children and families as well as in-school workshops which include diversity, equity and inclusion programs for prekindergarten and families.

In 2021, Kids' Friday with free lunches from the Green Mountain Farm-to-School Lunchbox, Time Traveler's Day Camps, in-school enrichment workshops, day field trips for local summer programs and our growing prekindergarten/family classes, caught the attention of our members. These new and younger audiences will help sustain the museum into the future. Our educational programs are where our mission shines and it's starting to be recognized broadly.

Foundation, grant and private support for educational programming also remains robust (for instance, \$4,000 from the VT Humanities Council for Time

Travelers' Day Camps and \$25,000 from an anonymous donor in January of 2021). Most recently, our expanding educational programs were chosen by Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy to receive a Congressional District Spending allotment for 2022!

Buildings, Grounds and Collections

In February of 2021, the museum received a donation from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$25,000 to start an endowed fund entitled, "The Alexander Twilight Legacy Fund for Buildings, Grounds and Collections." Since its inception, the fund has grown and will eventually support the sustained maintenance and preservation of our beautiful village and the collections it houses.

Under outstanding leadership from the Collections Committee and staff, the collections and interpretations program at the museum has become alive and full of excitement. Most recently, we were awarded an National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant to increase the environmental monitoring of our various collection's storage spaces, purchase additional storage furniture and improve the Grammar School basement to become a prime collections storage location.

Soon to be an additional interpretive site and, in collaboration with the State of VT, the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp 55 in the Willoughby State Forest has been undergoing the first phase of work by our partners at the VT Department of Forest Parks & Recreation. Beginning later this season, we'll offer workshops and speakers relating to the site. Interpretive work at the site will begin in 2022.

Finance & Long Term Stability

We have emerged from 2020 in a stable financial situation. We were able to take advantage of available federal and grant funding opportunities as well as relief funding programs offered as a part of the region's recovery process. We also worked to organize our financial systems in a manner that is more accessible to the committee and board for an increase in transparency and better oversight.

Sincerely,



Molly Veysey
Executive Director

2020 and 2021 Development Revenue

In 2021, we launched a new brand and website and have set high goals for growth in membership and community business partners. Our Etapestry database continues to improve transparency about our development work, although it does not yet provide a complete snapshot of revenue from our gift shop, admissions, programs and events. We are also in the process of transitioning to a cloud-based version of Quickbooks in order to process full 2020 and 2021 financial figures more efficiently.

Though we are only part way through the year and much work remains, we are excited to announce that our membership (205 members at \$18,365) and community business partner (eight at \$5,625) revenue already exceeds these totals in 2021.

Table 1. 2021 Membership

	Individual	Dual/Family	Dual/Family PLUS	Contributor	Susatiner	Patron	Benefactor	Total
Members	57	71	33	25	6	6	2	205
Revenue	\$1,690	\$3,550	\$2,825	\$3,800	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$18,365

Table 2. 2020 Membership

	Individual	Dual/Family	Dual/Family PLUS	Contributor	Susatiner	Patron	Benefactor	Total
Members	65	82	30	28	7	3	2	217
Revenue	\$1,645	\$4,080	\$2,680	\$4,250	\$1,750	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$17,905

We continue to focus on building our community business partnership program and still have many calls out to prospective business partners for our upcoming work.

Table 3. 2021 Community Business Partners

	Contributor	Sustainer	Patron	Benefactor	Good Neighbor Lead Sponsor	Good Neighbor Season Sponsor	Total
Partners	1	5	2	2*	1		8
Revenue	\$125	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500		\$5,875

* The Barton Chronicle contributed at this level in half priced advertising costs.

Table 4. 2020 Community Business Partners

	Contributor	Sustainer	Patron	Benefactor	Good Neighbor Lead Sponsor	Good Neighbor Season Sponsor	Total
Partners	1	3	2	3*			9
Revenue	\$125	\$750	\$1,000	\$2,000			\$3,875

* The Barton Chronicle contributed at this level in half-priced advertising costs.

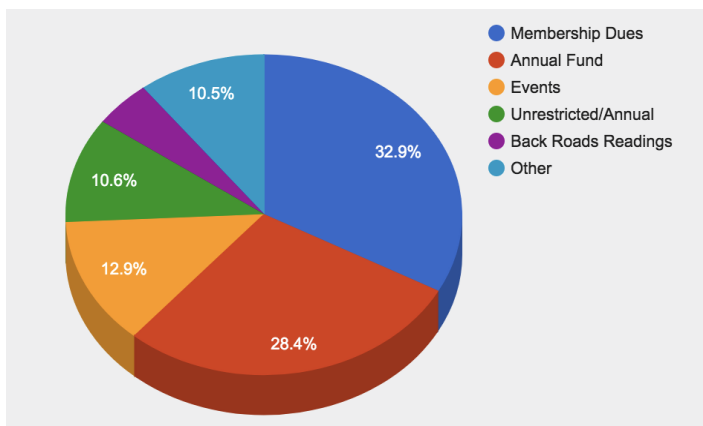
Grants continue to be a focus for supplementing our operating revenues and improving specific facilities or programs.

Table 5. 2020-2021 Grant Revenue

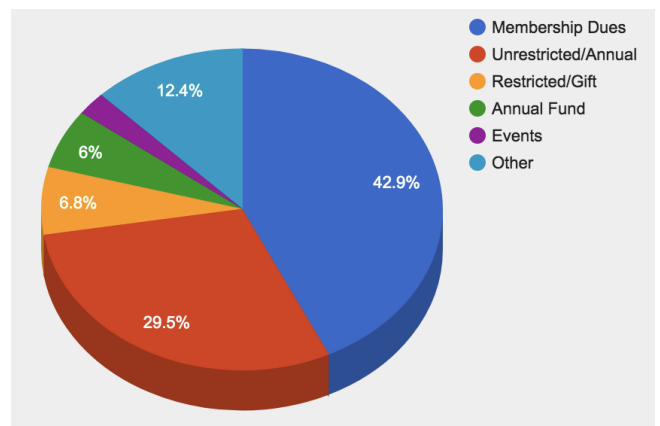
	Grants Applied	Grants Pending	Grants Funded	
2020	42	2	12	\$107,313.53
2021	29	10	7	\$91,776.75

Finally, we have received 76 unrestricted donations totaling \$8,654 in 2021. All unrestricted gifts are represented in green below (“Annual Fund”) or red (“Unrestricted/Annual”).

2020



2021



2021 Board of Trustees

Dawn Andrews
Frank Carbonneau
Jane Greenwood
Lucinda Herrick
Carmen Jackson
Robin Allen LaPlante
Ann Lawless
Dan Pellerin
David Snedeker

Slate of New Board Members



Charlie Browne (3 year term): Now retired director emeritus of the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, Browne served as a founding board member of the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance, was President of the Board of Directors for the New England Museum Association and is an accreditation peer reviewer for the American Association of Museums. He has served on the board of Northwoods Stewardship Center and is currently chair of the Board of Directors of Vermont Public Radio.



Larry Fliegelman (2 year term): Larry Fliegelman is the principal at Brownington Central School, only 1.7 miles from the Old Stone House. Many of his students have participated in OSH events over the years. After receiving his Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Pittsburgh, he earned his Master's Degree in Education from Lesley University. Larry taught history and geography in the Boston area before becoming a principal. He is a long serving member and chair of the Vermont Principal's Association Professional Learning and Support Committee. Larry is also an inaugural member of the joint Vermont School

Athletic Director's Association/VPA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee. Larry lives with his wife and two children on the edge of East Hardwick village.



Sally Harvey (1 year term): Sally Harvey has been coming to the Northeast Kingdom for 20 years and relocated to Barton in 2020. She grew up in Massachusetts and was educated at the University of New Hampshire-Durham and New York University. She has had a long and adventurous career as a television production executive in Los Angeles for NBC and currently for HBO. She is a volunteer at the Barton Community Giving Garden, an active contributor to the Center for an Agricultural Economy in Hardwick. Sally is an enthusiastic supporter of Green Mountain Farm to School's school gardens and Farm Direct program. An avid gardener, hiker and nature lover, she also enjoys cross-country skiing and swimming in the "big pond" at her family property in Barton.



Linda Michniewicz (3 year term): Linda Michniewicz is the Building Bright Futures Regional Coordinator for Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties. After receiving her undergraduate degree in Behavioral Science from Lyndon State College, she received her Master's Degree in Education from Southern New Hampshire University and later taught at Springfield College. She has been both employee and director for the Northeast Kingdom Head Start Program and has served as the Early Childhood Coordinator for the Caledonia North Supervisory Union. She serves on the Board of Directors for Northeast Kingdom Learning Services; the Lake Region Union High School & Elementary Middle School Boards and is a Justice of the Peace and on the Board of Civil Authority for the Town of Westmore where she resides.
(lmichniewicz@buildingbrightfutures.org)



Rachel Onuf (3 year term): Rachel Onuf is the Director of the Vermont Historical Records Program, based at the Vermont State Archives & Records Administration. She is an active member of the Collections Care and Conservation Alliance, the Vermont Arts & Culture Disaster and Resilience Network, the Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance and the NEDCC Advisory Committee. Rachel received her BA from Swarthmore College, an MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Michigan and an MA in American History from the University

of Virginia. Past jobs include serving as roving archivist for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and director of archives at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. She taught as an adjunct for Simmons College School of Library and Information Science and worked as an independent consultant for many years. She lives on a sidehill farm near the village of East Orange.



Roger Shultz (3 year term): Roger Shultz is a project and quality management professional, with a BS degree in Industrial Technology from Ohio University and an MBA in Finance from the University of Cincinnati. He earned project management certification from Rutgers University and Six Sigma training from the Six Sigma Academy. His business experience includes management of suppliers in the US, Mexico, Canada, China, India, Egypt and Spain as well as relocation to Egypt to improve quality systems for

GM. Most recently he worked in the Vermont wood stove industry, serving as the Quality Manager for Hearthstone Quality Home Heating Products in Morrisville. Roger has an active interest in the preservation of old homes and barns and lives with his wife in Brownington, VT where he enjoys gardening, cooking, the beauty of Vermont and the preservation of his circa 1830 home and barn.

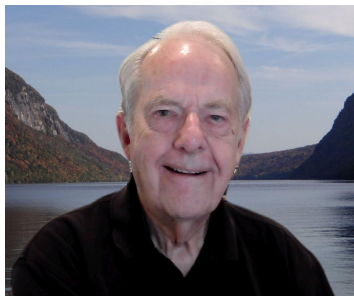
Board of Trustees Members Transitioning to Advisory Board

Katherine French
Daniel Ian Smith
Kate Johnson
Amy Palaia
Nan Richardson

2021 Advisory Board

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New Slate of Advisory Board Members



Jon Eby: John Eby grew up in the northeastern US, then attended the College of Wooster In Ohio, where he graduated with a wife and a BA in physics. This was followed by a Ph.D. in optics and physics from the University of Rochester and a career with Sylvania Lighting Products. They lived, worked and raised a family in the Boston area for almost 40 years, then retired to Irasburg. John got involved in the effort to transfer the Old Stone House collection records to Past Perfect. When this was completed he set out on an attempt to inventory and photograph the items in the collection but was unable to finish. He and his wife both volunteered as tour guides and John served on

the board for several years. Now thankfully residing in the Wake Robin retirement community in Shelburne.



Katherine French: Museum professional Katherine French completed undergraduate work at the University of New Hampshire-Durham and graduate work at Boston University. From 2005-15, she served as executive director of the Danforth Museum of Art, designated an Outstanding Cultural Organization by the

Massachusetts Arts Education Collaborative and was the recipient of awards for curatorial excellence from the NE chapter of International Art Critic and the Boston Art Awards. She has taught arts administration in the graduate program at Boston University and served on the Advisory Board of Harvard University's Museum Studies Program. A member of the American Association of Museums; New England Museum Association and the Vermont Curators Group, she is currently part-time gallery director for Catamount Arts in St. Johnsbury. Katherine lives with her husband Tim Hamilton in Barton, Vermont.



Daniel Ian Smith: Daniel Ian Smith is an award winning saxophonist, flutist, educator and composer with over 30 years of performing experience. He is currently a professor at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA where he has taught for over 25 years. During the academic year, he lives in Franklin, MA with his wife and daughter, but Daniel has spent the last number of years restoring his summer home near Lake Willoughby where he is active in and now

president of the Westmore Association.



Kate Johnson: Kate Johnson graduated from Boston University with a degree in business. Before moving to Vermont, she was employed in a variety of retail management positions in both Boston and Plymouth, MA for many years, including Domain Furniture and the Plymouth Marina. She now lives in Brownington, Vermont with her husband Buddy Johnson and numerous animals. Demonstrating a strong commitment to her

rural community, Kate has served as a superintendent for the Orleans County Fair and oversaw barns for poultry and sheep. She has been a DHI dairy tester who managed herd records over 12 years. She served as chair of the Brownington Planning Commission for 12 years. She is one of two animal control offices for her area and formally second constable, A.C.O for Brownington. She is also a member of the Board of the Court Diversion Program for Newport.



Ellen Mass: Ellen Mass has lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts for the past 40 years and spent the last 20 helping to build and direct the Green Cambridge nonprofit. She presently maintains a large public garden on state land with volunteers from the city schools. For the past nine summers, she has also lived in West Glover, Vermont where she enjoys taking part in pilates in Greensboro, the Greater Barton Arts (GBA) organization, Plein Air painting, the Barton poetry group, Northeast

Kingdom Organizing, the MAC Center for the Arts, and the Barton Community Giving Garden. She has taught two workshops for GBA in 2021 and 2020 where she also serves on the Advisory Board. Her avocations include poetry, art and politics (where she remains an active citizen advocate).



Roderick J. Owens: Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Roderick J. Owens moved to Vermont in the early '90s to attend the University of Vermont and subsequently Saint Michael's College for post-graduate work. Fast forward 28 years and you'll find him still here, living in Orleans County and working primarily at The Barton Academy and Graded School. A self-described renaissance man, he

recently founded the Orleans County Coalition for Cultivating Equity and is currently organizing, facilitating and presenting on topics such as celebrating diversity, promoting racial equity, developing cultural humility, as well as Alexander Twilight and other notable VT African Americans. Roderick utilizes historical data, current trends and statistics, along with entertaining and engaging anecdotes that recount his vast life experiences and subsequent realizations, to deliver thought-provoking messages with everyone he encounters.



Amy Palaia: Outdoor enthusiast Amy Palaia grew up in western Massachusetts and majored in athletic training and physical education at Springfield College. A 2000 AmeriCorps volunteer at the Northwoods Stewardship Center, she has served on the ski patrol at Burke Mountain Ski Area and has taught outdoor education at Lyndon State (now Northern Vermont University-Lyndon). Formerly education coordinator at the Old Stone

House Museum, Amy is now group sales manager for corporate marketing at Burke Mountain/Jay Peak. A gardener with an avid interest in natural remedies, she is enrolled in the three-year clinical degree program at the Vermont Center for Integrated Herbalism. Amy lives with her husband Lee Cooper and their children in Brownington.



Nan Richardson: Writer, curator and human rights activist Nan Richardson graduated from Wellesley College and began her career as editor-in-chief and curator at the Aperture Foundation before founding the publishing house Umbrage Editions, as well as The Global Journal. She has developed and directed a number of human rights programs, including the IBM Global Conference of World Business Leaders at the

Nagano Olympics; the Speak Truth to Power Program for the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights; and the Culture Project. As president of the New York Harbor School PTA in New York, she has led fundraising campaigns and special events. An avid gardener, Nan received Master Gardener certification from the University of Vermont, as well as Master Composter from the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens and Citizen Pruner from the New York City Department of Parks. She lives with her husband James and their children in their homes in both Brooklyn/Shelter Island and Barton, Vermont.



Vicki Strong: Vicki Strong of Albany, VT, attended Sterling College in Craftsbury, studying conservation, forestry and agriculture. She later attended LeTourneau University in Longview, TX, studying missions and Bible. She and her husband Nate enjoyed raising and homeschooling their three children. Vicki has been a Pastor's wife for over 30 years, worked for

Weight Watchers for many years and enjoys her commitment to her community as a Legislator. She became a Gold Star Mother on January 26, 2005 when her 24-year-old son, Marine Sgt. Jesse Strong, was killed in Iraq defending the Iraqi polls for the first free Iraqi election. Since his death she has sought ways to honor our military and their sacrifices for our country and for our freedom. Vicki serves on the board of Rural Edge in Lyndonville, a housing nonprofit organization. She enjoys many outdoor sports and activities, and confesses that she is slightly addicted to chocolate and to hugging her grandson. Member of the Vermont House of Representatives, 2011-present.

Barbara Thompson: Health professional Barbara Thompson graduated from Albright College in Reading, PA before moving to Vermont where she first worked at North Country Hospital and for the Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association before assuming a position at the Vermont Department of Health. Now retired, she is a substitute nurse and active member of the Brownington Church and Brownington Ladies Aide, as well as the Vermont State Grange. An accomplished amateur musician, she plays organ and piano for both the Grange and the Church, as well as singing in the Church Choir. She has served as town auditor for Brownington, where she lives with her husband Larry.



Darlene Young: Darlene Young is the author of “A History of Barton, Vermont.” She served on the staff at the Old Stone House Museum from 1996-2005 and a trustee of the Orleans County Historical Society from 2017-2018. During her career, she also served as production manager of the Barton Chronicle and as assistant director at the St. Johnsbury campus of Springfield College. She has written many articles on local history. She lives in Glover where she serves on the Glover Historical Society board.

2021 Membership Recognition

Individual

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Frederic & Beth Bailey
Lois Barrows
Carolyn Blake
Rusell Blowers
Bonnie Britz
Hope Zanes Butterworth
Judy Carpenter & Carl Stein
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Martha Drake
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James & Mary Eby
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Gloria May Stoddard
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Dorothy Westdyke
William Woolsey
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Dan Young

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Marion Bok
James & Julie Bressor
Steven Carpenter & George
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Nancy Hill
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Hill Farmstead Brewery

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Poulos Insurance / NFP

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The Barton Chronicle

2020-2021 Memorial Donations

In Memorial

- Dixon and Carmen Jackson in memory of **Norma Ficcardi**
- John Washburn III in memory of **Carolyn Washburn**
- Sharon Gunn in memory of **Margaret Beauregard Ruggles**
- Steven Arcanti, Thomas McShane and Charles Pixley in memory of **Susan “Sperry” Burns**
- Jennifer Koslowsky in memory of **Ruthy Joseph**
- Roy and Maryann Black in memory of **Henry and Bee Black**
- Bruce and Pamela Moffat, Ann and Robert Buermann, Charles and Susan Hill, Guy and Jenniger Moffat, Richard and Deborah Simpson in Memory of **Sybil Moffat**
- Rebecca Lyons in Memory of **Frank B. Easton Jr**

In Honor Of

- Jane Jepson in honor of **Constance “Connie” Daigle**
- Ann Beals, Allen and Kathleen Yale, David and Lindy Sargent, Elizabeth Nelson, Irene McDermut, Dixon and Carmen Jackson, Jane Greenwood and Kate Wolff, Joan Huguenin, Courtney Mead, Ned Andrews and Darlene Young, Robert and Elizabeth Hunt, Sara and Douglas McKenny, Richard and Deborah Simpson, Brian Smith, Kermith Smith and Gloria Wood Smith and Theodore von Schoppe in honor of **Mike Murphy**

2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
ZOOM WEBINAR
August 9, 2020

The meeting took place through electronic connections of internet and phone at the end of this year's Old Stone House Week of virtual activities that began on August 5th. The changes in activities and meetings were necessary this year due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic and the need to maintain social distancing. This electronic assembly of membership included:

- Trustees – Katherine French, Jane Greenwood, Lucinda Herrick, Carmen Jackson, Kate Johnson, Irene McDermut, Mike Murphy, Dan Pellerin, Nan Richardson, David Snedeker, and Barbara Thompson.
- Potential Trustees – Dawn Andrews, Frank Carbonneau, Ann Lawless, and Daniel Ian Smith.
- Museum staff – Molly Veysey, Executive Director; Bob Hunt, Operations Director; Drew Bush, Assistant Director of Development, Marketing and Communications; Mahala Nyberg, Associate Director of Collections and Programs; and Leila Nordmann, Associate Director of Museum Education.
- Members and friends who numbered 17 for a total of 37 in attendance.

Leila Nordmann opened the meeting informally at 1 PM and gave an introduction to the Zoom format. Drew Bush continued the meeting orientation with instructions about today's electronic voting. Then, with a smile on his face, Mike Murphy called for a practice vote on the subject of happiness.

President Murphy called the meeting officially to order at 1:10 PM. He continued with a welcome to the meeting and a few short, encouraging remarks. Molly made an introduction of all the current staff members. She continued by expressing her appreciation especially for Jane Greenwood, Katherine French, Carmen Jackson, the executive committee, the volunteers, and the staff.

Molly presented an overview of 2020 at the OSH along with slides matched to the appropriate projects. A description of these initiatives can be found in the **Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village 2020 Annual Report**:

- Alexander Twilight Initiative – This year marks his 225th birthday on September 20th.
- Historic Recreation Trail Project – just finished.
- CCC Camp 55 – We will be working in tandem with the State of VT's Parks & Recreation Division.
- Early Childhood Education – now under the guidance of Leila.
- The Giving Garden – produce given to local food pantries and will also be distributed across the county with the help of Green Mountain Farm to School.

There are numerous other smaller initiatives in progress at the Museum. A motion was made (David/Carmen) to accept the Director's Report as presented with 25 in favor, 3 opposed, and 0 abstaining. Mike declared the motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented in the **Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village 2020 Annual Report**. A motion was made (Barbara/Allen Yale) to accept this report as presented. There were no questions or discussion. The motion passed with 26 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstaining.

The secretary's report for the August 11, 2019 Annual Meeting in the Grammar School was presented in the **Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village 2020 Annual Report**. Again there were no questions or discussion. A motion was made (Carmen/Lucinda) to accept this report as presented. The motion passed with 24 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstaining.

Barbara presented a request for a board vote on acceptance of the regular minutes from the June 17, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. These minutes were presented at the July 15, 2020 regular Board of Trustees meeting, however, an official vote to accept these minutes was overlooked at the July meeting. There were no corrections presented. A motion was made (Carmen/David) to accept these minutes as presented at the July 15, 2020 meeting. The motion passed with 7 board members from that July meeting voting in the affirmative.

Molly announced the creation of a Commemorative Fund in honor of Mike Murphy whose term on the board of trustees ends today. He has had a greater than thirty year history of service to the Museum in various capacities...secretary, vice president, president, secretary, and again the president. This new fund will support education and collections which have been Mike's top areas of interest, but his volunteer work was never confined to those two categories alone. Mike made some humble comments about his love for the Museum and its work in our community. Make a donation to this new fund in honor of Mike if you are able. Thanks was expressed also for the other outgoing board members Noble Francoeur, Irene McDermut, and Barbara Thompson.

Carmen reported for the Nominating Committee proposing the following trustee names and terms:

- Dawn Andrews, Frank Carbonneau, Robin LaPlante, Daniel Ian Smith, and David Snedeker for first 3 year terms (2020-2023)
- Ann Lawless for a vacant 3 year term (2018-2021) with 1 year left (2020-2021)
- Dan Pellerin to finish a 3 year term (2019-2022) with 2 years left (2020-2022)

There were no further nominations. A motion was made (Katherine/Allen and Lucinda) to have the secretary cast one ballot for the above list of trustees for the terms described above. The motion passed with 24 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstaining. There will be an orientation for new trustees. Molly encouraged trustees and members to utilize the new dashboard that will populate with information over time.

For our slate of officers, Mike proposed Carmen Jackson as our President. Carmen then offered the rest of the slate as Katherine French – Vice President, David Snedeker – Treasurer, and Robin LaPlante - Secretary. There were no further nominations. A motion was made (Mike/Barbara) to have the secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers. The motion passed with 23 in favor, 3 opposed, and 1 abstaining.

Board members and volunteers can best help the Museum now by reaching out to build up membership and new donors. In the near future, there will be a need to acquire signatures for town appropriations. We may need to do this electronically this year. We have some published policies in place addressing the pandemic, and Molly has been in touch with our insurance company regarding our liability if someone gets sick with COVID 19 after

attending an event at the Museum. There are no clear answers to the liability question as it has not yet been tested.

We received some closing remarks of optimism and encouragement from incoming President Carmen Jackson, who then asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made (David/Lucinda) to adjourn at 2:04 PM. This motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Thompson, Secretary