

Parsonage Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2020

Attendance: Tom Shannon, Tony Albino, Donald Dubac, Christopher Lindner

- 501(c)3 to be set up by Columbia County Historian William Better is still pending. Fundraising and grant writing on hold until then. Tom will check in with the County Historian to get a status update.
- Parsonage and the grounds are in good shape. The Town supplied topsoil to Prof. Lindner and some of his students this week who filled in the remaining open excavation units for the winter.
- Formalized agreement between the Town and Bard College regarding use/ownership of artifacts, site usage, and site maintenance has been drafted by Tom and sent to Supervisor Beury and the Town's attorney for review. Will likely be on the January Town Board agenda. A question about the previous meetings' discussion about a possible trail going north from the Parsonage was raised. Tom has drafted a preliminary proposal at this point.
- Cheviot kiosk design is completed. Installation will be in Spring 2021. A "scratch and dent" version of the kiosk will be available for viewing at the Parsonage. The next planned kiosk project will be for Roe Jan Park. Tom will be researching through the winter and will emphasize Native American history in the text for the Roe Jan kiosk.
- Tom requested and was granted permission by Supervisor Beury to retrieve a couple of partially broken headstones leaning against a tree in Cheviot Cemetery. One has a couple of symbols and the year 1784. The other has German writing on it. They will be stored by the History Department until further cemetery restoration is feasible. Tom will reach out to the International German Genealogy Partnership to translate these and another stone held by the History Department.
- The History Department is in touch with the Germantown Library about doing a zoom presentation about the history of Cheviot as well as a monthly zoom discussion about various local history topics.