

History Advisory Committee

July 30, 2022

Attendance: Richard Coons, Donald Dubac, Alvin Sheffer, Tony Albino, Tom Shannon

- Hover Grant request 2022: Submitted July 25th. Requests include new historic signs for the First Lutheran Church, Sharp's Landing, and Diell Rockefeller's mill, funds to subscribe to Hudson River Valley Heritage, and funds to digitize the papers of the Hank Jones collection. Germantown Library served as the 501(c)3 sponsor.
- Preserve New York grant for a building condition report - request was denied in a letter dated July 12th. We may try again during the TAG grant round later this year or during next year's cycle. This is the second year in a row this grant request has been declined.
- REDC grant - only one contractor supplied a quote for the Parsonage roof so we were unable to file the required two quotes before the deadline of July 29th. On the plus side, we have an approximate number to shoot for now and will pursue grants from various foundations through FOHG.
- Cheviot cemetery cleaning is complete as of July 19th. We will be moving on to the Methodist cemetery on Camp Creek Road next week. It took 7 gallons of D-2 biological solution to clean all of Cheviot cemetery - approximately \$315 at current prices.
- First Reformed Cemetery monument - the bronze plaque is backordered as of July 27th. The monument company has the stone in stock so will be able to start whenever the plaque arrives.
- NYS historic sign repainting - Eleven are complete and eight more are currently in progress in the towns of Germantown and Livingston. The town of Clermont Historian has given the green light to do any or all of the signs in her town. See attached spreadsheet. Total cost so far: \$116.
- Repair on eastern chimney on Parsonage - Anthony was scheduled to meet with a contractor this week. Will touch base with him on Monday.
- Second Reformed Cemetery - Tom wrote a letter on behalf of the History Department supporting several grant requests seeking funds to repair/reset the gravestones in a portion of the oldest section. The Sally and Robert Phelan Legacy Foundation has already committed \$15,000 over the next two years.
- Pomeroy grants - deadline for letters of intent is August 31st in our region. With the town board's blessing, we will apply for signs at Cheviot, Anchorage, and Ice House landing.

Tom will meet with the owners of the Ten Broeck cemetery on Monday to seek their permission for a sign there. May also pursue a Legends and Lore sign regarding a well documented folk tradition about Rev. Haeger in the Palatine era.

- Recent donations: Former GCS elementary school teacher, and Town of Livingston and Columbia County Historian, Mary Howell, donated nearly 100 local history books from her personal collection. The Oehlke family donated 10 gallons of D-2 biological solution after volunteering enthusiastically at Cheviot cemetery. We currently have 23 gallons of D-2 on hand.
- Upcoming events: History Kayak/Canoe Tour rescheduled to Sept. 10th at 12:30 PM. Rain Date of Sept. 11th at 12:30 PM. This is part of the Hudson River Valley Ramble. Will start at Cheviot and go up to the mouth of the Roe Jan and back.

Path Through History Weekend, Saturday, October 8th, 4 PM to 9 PM. Will have a campfire and other fun outdoor activities as well as tours of the Parsonage.

Work parties at Camp Creek Road Methodist cemetery as needed through mid-August.

- A new exhibit is out at the Parsonage as of today. It is a variety of things from our collections that have not been displayed recently, if ever. It will run through Oct. 1st.