

History Advisory Committee

Dec. 17, 2022

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

- Pomeroy Foundation sign grants: Application for a Legends and Lore sign for the legend of Rev. Haeger's vision was approved. A check of \$1,550 was issued. Tom will submit the order ASAP. The foundry has a six month turnaround time currently so we should have it sometime in June 2023. Will put the marker up at the First Reformed Cemetery. Walt Miller's retelling of the legend is on the Germantown section of the Columbia County Historians website.

We also had a standard historic sign grant request for the site of the Germantown Ice Co. house on the Hudson River. This was recently denied because the LWRP plan for the site includes a kiosk which Pomeroy thought would deem their sign duplicative.

- SUNY Geneseo internship program: Tom submitted a proposal for their local history summer internship program. Several colleges are participating. The internship has to focus on public memory of the American Revolution. The director of the program emailed back this week and it sounds promising that we will have an intern for the summer of 2023 at no cost to us.
- Historian's Annual Report will be submitted next week.
- Tony, Ethan, and Tom met with State Assemblywoman Didi Barrett a few days ago to talk about grant possibilities and our previous experiences trying to obtain grants to replace the roof and fix the chimney on the Parsonage. Her office will send us more information and is willing to write letters of support for future grant requests.
- Americana Corner grant program: Tom submitted a request for \$10,000 for translation of the 18th century Reformed Church books through FOHG. The administrator of the program emailed back and said decisions will be made in February.
- Hover Grant 2022: Need to finalize and submit orders for the three replacement NYS historic signs for Rockefeller's Mill, Sharp's Landing, and the First Lutheran Church. Tom will work with Rich and Alvin today to finish up the wording. Application for membership in Hudson River Valley Heritage has been submitted and is on the agenda for their January board meeting.
- Events:
 - Bonfire at Ice House Landing, Dec. 21st, 4 PM
 - Visit to Livingston History Barn, Jan. 14th, 10AM-1PM

Webinar with Hank Jones, Garry Finkell, and Tom, Jan. 14th 2 PM
Ice Houses of Germantown, Zoom Talk, Jan. 19th, 6 PM
Historic Signs in and near Germantown, Zoom Talk, Feb. 16th, 6 PM
Revolutionary War in and near Germantown, Zoom Talk, March 16th, 6 PM
Pomeroy and Hover historic signs dedication, sometime in June, TBA

- Ten Broeck Cemetery: Will reach out to the owners soon and hopefully begin clearing brush and restoration work once hunting season is over.
- Recent Donations: Mary Howell and Anna Bain gave additional photographs and other materials. Also received a few more items related to the Fire Department and Garden Club from the late Linda Fingar. Mary Beth Wenger mailed us a spoke for the spinning wheel she donated late last year.
- Field Trip ideas for 2023: The mill wheel off of Block Factory Road; Livingston State Forest; the Tarbush Cemetery; Burden Cemetery; gravestone at a house in Red Hook with a connection to the Ekerts.
- Rezoning Committee: meets this week coming up. Tony, Ethan, and Tom finished up a draft of various requests and Tony submitted it to the committee a few days ago.