

History Advisory Committee
October 26th, 2024

Attendance: Tony Albino, Ben Davidson, Yvonne Crawford, Rich Coons, Tom Shannon

- The gable end chimneys were both rebuilt from roofline up during the week of 10/14-10/18. Both chimneys were capped with a piece of fieldstone, cut to size. The contractor recommended against repointing the much larger north chimney, which is still in good shape.
- Ground penetrating radar at the site of the First Reformed Cemetery is tentatively rescheduled for Nov. 6th through Nov. 10th. Tony will keep us all posted if anything changes.
- The Alexander and Marjorie Hover Foundation awarded \$8,000 to offset the cost of a new roof on the Parsonage. With the previously awarded \$2,000 for chimney repair, there is now \$10K that can be put toward the project. Tom submitted the written quote we have to the Town for budgetary consideration. Will work on several other grant opportunities over the winter.
- NAGPRA update: We are up to [Step 7](#), responding to repatriation requests. Need to formally respond, then set a date for repatriation.
- Grant opportunities coming up:

[Americana Corner](#) We have previously applied for money for building projects at the Parsonage without luck. The grant can be used for new interpretive signage and/or educational programming. Due Dec. 15th.

[Berkshire Taconic Fund for Columbia County Grant for Community Impact](#) Is due in February. Typically used for educational programming.

[Save America's Treasures](#) very laborious to both write and administer, but there is a lot of funding available. Can be used for building or archival projects. Due Dec. 1st.

[NYS Preservation League Seven to Save](#). We will put together an application for this. Due Nov. 8th.

- Recent donations: Bill and Sue Droege donated a Ford Motor Company advertisement from the 1930s featuring a photo of Ford school buses parked in front of Germantown Central School. Rich continues working on digitizing several photo albums from Roger Proper's family.

- Events:
 - Nov. 9th, 6-8 PM, Q and A with Tom and Emily Majer at Quittner.
 - Jan. 6th, Program at Claverack Library to highlight projects funded by the Pomeroy Foundation in Columbia County. Tom, Gregg Berninger, Edgar Masters, Virginia Martin, possibly Tom Moreland, and more.
 - Jan. 24th, a public get together of the Columbia County Historians to mark the 250th anniversary of the first documented Albany County Committee of Correspondence Meeting. Details coming soon.
 - Winter Zoom history talks at the Germantown Library, TBD.
 - Talks for the Friends of Clermont and Hendrick Hudson DAR in the springtime. TBD.