

**SPRAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Members present: Judy Synnett, Mary Delaney, Joan Ryan, Sandy Carter, Cathy Osten, and Colette Hoffman.

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of April 28, 2015 were approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report of March 25, 2015 to April 28, 2015, revised to correct the working capital amount to \$3,013.91, was approved.

The Treasurer's report of April 29, 2015 to May 26, 2015 was approved.

**3. Museum Clerk**

Mary stated Sayles School classes, Kindergarten and First Grade) will be visiting the museum on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>.

May 14 – Mary took pictures of the new monument at the War Memorial being installed and men stocking the Shetucket River with fish.

May 21 – Reg Patchell and Mary went to the Hanover Congregational Church and took 535 pictures of the Church and Parish House.

May 25 – Mary reported has over 300 pictures and videos of the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony with more pictures and videos coming.

**Donations:**

- Sandy Mclaughlin – Voter register book and picture
- Karen Sabrowski – Antique toy
- Thomas Coletti – Story by Andrew Coletti, Jr. as told to Thomas Coletti regarding the dam breaking.
- Sprague Public Library – Books
- Shirley Masson – Photo album of the musicals in town
- Beth M. Barlow – 1955 Annual Town Report, 1957 graduation exercises, 5 class pictures from Sayles School and Baltic School
- Keith Laliberte – Old hats, 5 hat boxes, 1933 framed diploma for Emile Laliberte, 8 cameras with accessories (film, flash, etc.), 1 frame with listing of houses the Baltic Mills sold in 1939, 1 framed sketch of Baltic Mills, 2 pictures, 2 newspaper articles, 3 mass cards (Rita & Duke Laliberte), business card for Stone Masonry, Baltic, CT, 200 bowling patch, 650 series patch, 5 green stamp books
- Glenn Cheney – Antique sewing machine
- Dave & Catherine Salemma – Newspaper article and picture of James Turner who designed the War Memorial and is Catherine Salemma's Great Grandfather.
- Donation jar - \$4.00

**4. Old Business**

Discussion on Sprague Schools, more pictures are expected. Discussion on possible workshop during the summer to work on school projects exhibit.

Brief discussion on Lord's Bridge plaque on Rt. 97.

Judy stated she collected from Tom Coletti three of his books which he is donating to the museum: 1) "Liam's Story", 2) "Dishonorably Interred", and 3) "Special Delivery".

Cathy reported there is \$137.33 left in Historical Society town line item. Discussion on supplies to be ordered.

**5. New Business**

Mary stated Windham Textile History Museum is organizing a bus trip to Gettysburg, PA on August 14 to August 16.

Mail: flyer from Goodspeed Musicals. Cathy suggested going to Norwich Community Cinema, the former Donald L. Oat Theatre.

Mary stated backup needs to be done on computer at the front desk.

Motion made by Cathy, seconded by Judy, to adjourn. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Colette Hoffman, Secretary

**Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.**

June 23, 2015 monthly meeting was cancelled due to power outage.