

**SPRAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Pam Matthews.

Present: Treasurer Judy Synnett, Clerk Mary Delaney, Reg Patchell, Cathy Osten, and Secretary Colette Hoffman. Also present: Guest David Phillips.

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes of November 26, 2013 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report of November 27, 2013 to January 28, 2014 were approved.

Judy stated time for members to pay dues.

3. Museum Clerk Report

Mary Delaney's monthly report was presented:

Toys and ornaments were loaned to the museum to put on display until the end of February.

Judy and Roy purchased an external hard drive and both computers are being backed up.

Donations included:

Glenn Cheney – 1st edition copyright 1903, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" inside cover signed "Park".

Tom Girard – Happy 25th anniversary pin from Federal Paperboard, key chain bottle opener that says "Red Fox Inn".

Carolyn Ivanoff – her article on the "Three Medals of Honor at Gettysburg, the Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry". Christopher Flynn in it.

Tom Lepore – 1912 post card that says Ravine, Baltic, CT; several articles on the Sprague and Sayles families.

Unknown – Ten annual reports, info booklet from the Baltic Fire Dept, BFD short history, nine newspapers, and four 1880 voters list.

Synnett Family – 1908 Remington No. 10 typewriter used in the Baltic Mills, paddle from Sayles School, approx. 1960, box of papers and pictures.

Judy Synnett – Doll in memory of Sheila Delaney Genereux, approx. 1930; approx. 80 items including kitchen utensils and bed pans.

Sprague Public Library – 2011 Sprague Public Library cookbook.

David Heg – 168 photos of the Baltic Mills that is left standing, inside and out.

Fred Turcotte – 44 pictures, one blueprint of upper High Street and High Street improvements in 2011, letter about improvements to homeowners, newspaper article about Libs 1986, scanned and returned.

4. Budget and Capital for Fiscal Year 2014-15

The SHS budget and capital for fiscal year 2014-15 was submitted.

5. Old Business

Discussion on bylaws. Cathy to follow-up with Attorney Rich Cody.

6. New Business

Judy, Roy and Colette attended a book signing on "Norwich in the Gilded Age" by Patricia Staley. Judy purchased her book for the SHS.

Discussion on Carolyn Ivanoff, member of the 14th CT Co. Freenactor's Group and an independent historian who does free presentations....to be continued.

David Phillips spoke with the SHS members on his TV program "CT Historical Mysteries".

Meeting adjourned at around 7:15 pm.

Colette Hoffman, Secretary