

Berlin Historical Society  
August 16, 2017

The August meeting of the BHS commenced at 7:20 at the Berlin town hall with 13 members present. The motion was made and voted in for Toni Forrend to be Secretary Pro Tem.

Kimberly Noury who has family ties and she herself grew up in Berlin has been organizing by cross referencing to make sure all Berlin historical information in our archive files is also on our BHS computer program system. She is also willing to become our permanent secretary, which we will discuss when she comes to one of our meetings.

Meredith's treasurers report was read and accepted showing a total of \$54,562.86 as of August 16, 2017.

A metal road sign was donated to BHS by Bob Felch. It is white with black letters and says in big letters Berlin Corner. It is really in great condition and Corinne thought it would be cool to have it hung out in the Town Clerk's office, a bit of historical memorabilia from the past.

Also Kitty Langlois donated two tintype photos of the Curtis family, certainly a contribution to add to our BHS collection.

Bob Mercier brought several colored pictures of the now existing bridge on the Three Mile Bridge road being lowered into place over the river. Bob left his pictures so they could be scanned and will have a home in our archives.

Brian Lindner donated \$25.00 to BHS and National Life Ins. Co. matched his donation and added \$25.00 making a total donation of \$75.00 this was for the Dewey research we did where we determined that the property where Julius Dewey lived is on Route 12, West Berlin on Colby Rd.

Corinne Stridsberg has put together a notebook binder all about past murders that have taken place in Berlin, full of information about the murders including court records and newspaper accounts. This is a must read to appease your curiosity. At present she is working on another notebook binder about weather events that effected Berlin.

The book "Montpelier The Capital City's History 1780-1976 by Perry Merrill has many stories that can be found concerning Berlin.

Dave Perrin shared many interesting stories of his childhood days in Berlin. He mentioned several items from the Berlin history book "A Place To Pass Through" and encouraged folks to read it. He talked about Pike field which was used to land planes because of the 1927 flood. Does anyone remember where Pike field was located? He also talked about a series of barn fires in the Berlin area and although it was not proved, arson was suspected.

Richard Turner shared new Then and Now Photos of various properties in Berlin. He also had the binder of Then and Now Photos that Norb Rhinerson put together to share around. We're hoping to have somebody with a Meeting was adjourned 8:50. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th.

Submitted by:

Toni Forrend, Secretary Pro Tem.