

Berlin Historical Society

July 11, 2017

The Berlin Historical Society meeting commenced at 7:10 PM with 9 members present.

Bob Mercier brought several old pictures in to share with the group and left them so we could have copies made to keep in BHS files. One of the photos was called balancing rock, a huge boulder held up by smaller stones on each end and is still in place today. Another photo was of a silo made completely of 2x4s, although not standing today it is an awesome picture to view, these and many more will be a great addition to our photo collection.

Corinne Stridsberg showed before and now pictures of the East Road Cemetery where much restoration work had been done in the 1990's. Her concern was the condition of the head stones which were broken, tipping over, sunken into the ground, and over all disrepair. We thought someone should bring it to the attention of the Town Cemetery Commission which would have the monetary resources to help with this project. We feel once word gets out about the disrepair of our historical cemeteries people would volunteer their time, but we are unsure where the finances would come from. This scope of restoration would take a length of time and would certainly be an on-going effort.

Upcoming features of future meetings will include Bob Mercier who will present a slide show of the pictures he took during his 37 years working for the railroad. Dave Perrin will read letters from a family diary. Richard Turner will show and tell us about his Vermont number plates collection and their purpose. We talked about sharing presentations with other town historical societies to share information.

Here's a question everyone wants to know. Where is the Dewey house on the Northfield Road? Can anyone help?

The best book to read in addition to our own Berlin Historical books to get a lot of information on Berlin is The History of Montpelier by D. P. Thompson. The Kellogg – Hubbard Library has reprinted copies of this book that have been indexed that can be borrowed and this book is free to read on line at this

link. <https://books.google.com/books?id=XjrM-mA4Uo8C&printsec=frontcover&dq=inauthor:%22B.P+THOMPSON%22&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiskp71v6DVAhXKbj4KHaaPBn0QuwUIKzAA#v=onepage&q&f=false>

Meeting adjourned at 8:50. The next meeting will be Aug. 16

Those attending Corinne and Mike Stridsberg, Richard Turner, Norbert Rhinerson, Bob and Toni Forrend, Manny and Mary Garcia, Bob Mercier.

Submitted by,
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