

Berlin Historical Society

Notice

The June meeting of the Berlin Historical Society will be held at the Berlin Town office building on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Two main topics will be discussed at this meeting:

First, as we haven't had a regular meeting yet this year, we will hold the election of officers which normally would be held earlier in the year as designated in our by-laws. Norb will no longer be able to serve as president and will be resigning as of this meeting. We would like to thank Norb for his 23 years of exceptional service as leader of our Society. We have seen many changes during his tenure and a huge increase in data collected. A few of these accomplishments that have mostly happened during Norbs tenure are as follows:

- We now have an office at the town office building where we can work on projects and store our collection in a safe environment.
 - We are now computerized with searchable files of meeting minutes, scrapbooks full of newspaper articles of Berlin events, and files on Berlin people, schools, cemetery records, roads and bridges, as well as a general file covering every conceivable subject.
 - Our cemetery records are second to none. We have photographed all monuments in all 10 Berlin cemeteries and have recorded names and inscriptions and locations of all monuments. The lists of names are posted on line. People that have used this information have nothing but praise for our effort.
 - We have amassed a very large collection of photographs in our files and on our computer.
- Manny has expressed his desire to be relieved of the duties of treasurer. The duties include the monitoring of our funds including a monthly written report to be filed for our records. It also includes a financial summary and tax reporting yearly.

We will work with new officers in order to familiarize them with the duties of the office.

Second, at a meeting last October we voted to purchase a new computer with a spending limit of \$800. We have done research on computers and found that the spending limit set will just cover the cost including the necessary software. We will discuss this at the meeting.

In addition Corinne will talk about the Facebook page she set up entitled Berlin Vermont Memories. She also has been researching old newspaper articles on line at the Chroniclingamerica website and found interesting Berlin information.

We were visited by Michael Fiske, a resident of Columbus, Ohio who also has property in Topsham, Vt. He came to the Berlin Town Clerks office to do research mainly in the Nye family of which he is a descendent and located us when there. We will discuss his work and the diary that he located written by Mary Hubbard Nye who came to Berlin in 1797.

Richard Turner
Secretary