

Town of Massena Museum
200 E. Orvis St.
Massena, NY 13662
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 2, 2016

The board met at 6:30 P. M. to view items for possible deaccession, including flags, a rock collection, a mortar and pestle set, drugstore and other miscellaneous items.

Present: Ann Greene (Treasurer), Joseph Macauley (President), Joseph Savoca (Secretary), David Talarico, Sally Yeddo
Mary Ellen Casselman (Historian), Linda McDonald (Archivist)
Samuel Carbone (Town Councilman)

Excused: Bonnie Weitz

Absent: Steven O'Shaughnessy (Town Councilman)

Call to Order and Attendance: Time: 7 :01 P. M.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the May 5 , 2016 minutes was made by Ann Greene with a second by David Talarico. Yes 5 No 0 Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report for May 2016 was made by Sally Yeddo with a second by David Talarico. Yes 5 No 0 Motion Passed The donation box contained \$86.00 in cash and a \$20.00 check over a year old. Ann Greene will check with the bank for the proper procedure to handle the check. A motion to place \$70.00 from the cash donation into the petty cash account was made by Sally Yeddo with a second by David Talarico. Yes 5 No 0 Motion Passed

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Accessions and Deaccessions - None
2. Photographic History Books - Books sold in May 2016: 0.
3. Visitor Tally - Visitors in May 2016: 32.
4. Facebook - 172.
5. Building Dedication - The dedication ceremony of The Celine G. Philibert Memorial Cultural Centre & Museum (79 Main St., former SeaComm building) will take place on **Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 5:00 P. M. - 7:00 P. M.** It will be open to the public. At the May 18, 2016

Massena Town Council meeting a resolution was adopted naming the building “The Celine G. Philibert Memorial Cultural Centre & Museum”. Also, the town council created a board (including members Randy Peets-attorney and principal donor, Scott Wilson-President & CEO of SeaComm, Richard Maginn-owner of Heritage Homes, Mark Snider-attorney, and another member, possibly Steven Marqusee, Dean of Arts & Sciences at Potsdam College) to oversee operations of the cultural centre.

6. Deaccessions - Linda McDonald has prepared a binder of 125 pages so far of items for possible deaccession. The list will be given to the Massena Town Council for approval. Items include those to be sold through an auction house, individually, or placed on permanent loan at other organizations. Samuel Carbone will investigate possible auction houses. Joseph Macauley suggested that the town create a capital account from the proceeds of the auction and sale of the current museum to be used for creating a hearse room at the cultural centre & museum.
7. Move to Building - The cultural centre & museum is being cleaned a second time. Mary Ellen Casselman would like to make a determination on whether the wood wall cabinets can be removed and moved to the new building as that will help determine the layout of the displays. There is a need for people to pack and move the museum items. There is a need for storage space.

Report of Historian: The sleigh hearse has been permanently loaned to the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum. Mary Ellen Casselman discovered the model of Sacred Heart Church at the town barn and is attempting to find an organization to take it. Mary Ellen Casselman will have a booth at the Massena Chamber of Commerce Heritage Festival on June 10-12, 2016 for the museum and the Massena Cemetery Restoration Committee. Mary Ellen Casselman will attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Public Historians of New York State, Sep. 15-17, 2016 in Syracuse. A motion to pay the \$75.00 registration fee for Mary Ellen Casselman to attend the conference, if the Town of Massena does not pay, was made by David Talarico with a second by Sally Yeddo. Yes 5 No 0 Motion Passed A motion to pay the \$35.00 registration fee for Karen Bailey (Volunteer) to attend the conference was made by Sally Yeddo with a second by David Talarico. Yes 5 No 0 Motion Passed The conference will run concurrently with the NYS Family History Conference.

Report of Archivist: Linda McDonald has prepared the list of items to be deaccessioned to be approved by the Massena Town Council. A display of item relating to 1st Communion has been placed at the Massena Public Library. Linda McDonald shared photographs that she took of the transfer of the sleigh hearse to the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum.

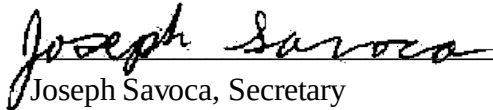
Town Board Representatives' Comments: None

Joseph Savoca noted that the Moving Massena Forward Community Coalition stakeholder meetings will be starting. The meeting on June 15, 2016, 6:30 P. M. at the J. W. Leary Junior High School cafeteria will be concerned with downtown arts and culture; broadband and wifi; and destination marketing/community re-branding. He noted that by working with other groups the museum may be able to get visitors.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by David Talarico with a second by Sally Yeddo . Yes 5
No 0 Motion Passed Time: 7:40 P. M.

Next Meeting: There will be **no** meeting in July. The next meeting will be **Thursday, August 4, 2016, 7:00 P. M.** The board will meet at **6:30 P. M.** to view items for possible deaccession.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph Savoca, Secretary

8/4/16

Date Approved