

# Voluntown Historical Society



*"Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it." Edmund Burke (1729 -1797)*

*The Voluntown Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a better understanding of Voluntown's unique heritage by education, preservation, and sharing our resources with the community, and establishing its relevance to the development of our country.*

## AGENDA

### VOLUNTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2015 – 7 P.M. ~~Town Hall Meeting Room~~ VES Library**

- **CALL TO ORDER** - Pledge of Allegiance
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 21, 2015**
- **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS.**
- **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.**
  - o Special thanks to our members who do so much to help the VHS.
  - o Thanks to Troy and Mary Anne for updating 501c3.
  - o "Meet The Candidates" event – should be at least be bi-annually and maybe include other elected offices.
  - o VHS Fall festival – Wylie School House.
  - o Winter Clothing drive.
  - o Trunk Or Treat – Community program.
  - o Dues are due (overdue).
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.**
  - o In conjunction with the EDC we have signed on with them to help develop an updated trail map depicting not only the routes but the historical sites and significance along these routes.
  - o Sterling Historical Society (Ron)
- **CITIZENS' COMMENTS.**

- **FINANCE/BUDGET:** Mary Anne Nieminen
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - o 501c3 annual filing fees. Troy Jones, Mary Anne Nieminen.
  - o Tercentennial (Jack Wesa & Cookie Morell to approach selectmen)
  - o Voluntown Documentary: Mark Knudson “A Community Rising”.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - o December Events
    - Jen Panko, Chairman of our Events Committee is our POC. Grumpyjen@aol.com
  - o Need to establish spending limits and budgets for events and miscellaneous purchases.
  - o Fund raising: Does it need its own committee?
  - o Committees Reports:
    - **Administration.** **LaDonnah Cardin**, Mary Anne Nieminen, Julie Soto, Gail Caddell, Janet Cool, Karen Britt
      - Memberships drive campaign. Dues & Membership Cards.
      - School Liaison: (*Permissions, Historical activities and newsletter*) Karen Britt.
      - Publicity: Norwich Bulletin, The Reminder, Library Newsletter, School Newsletter, Face Book, Mark Knudson, website, etc.
    - **Projects & Events.** **Jen Panko**, Julie Soto, LaDonnah Cardin, & Janet Cool.
      - Buildings & historic sites: Wylie School House / Methodist Meeting House
      - Tercentennial:
      - **Historic Presentations; next month’s.**
    - **Archive preservation & restoration:** **Julie Soto**, Janet Cool, Winona Berdine.
      - Basement and private collections, historical records, software/hardware (Past Perfect), maps, displays, archiving materiel & library.
      - Maps preservation. Need funding source.
- **HISTORICAL PRESENTATION:** Burton Jernstrom, past VHS president – **Historical aspects of Voluntown**
- **NEXT MEETING:** December 16, 2015, 7 PM.
- **SUGGESTIONS FOR December’s meeting: Genealogy?**
- **ADJOURNMENT.**