

**Colchester Vermont Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 4, 4 p.m.
at the Parsonage, 828 Main Street, Colchester, Vermont**

M I N U T E S

Present: Bonnie Potter, president; Jack Penca, vice president, Bob Furst, treasurer; Clinton Reichard, Curt Taylor, and Fran Bailey, directors; and Carol Reichard, chair of the Colchester Log Schoolhouse committee

Absent: Pat Carman, secretary

This meeting was held as a follow-up to previous email discussions about creating a jigsaw puzzle as a potential fundraiser that would feature one of Colchester's historic sites. Fran has contacted the puzzle-making company for details, Carol collected information and brought puzzle examples from the Groton Historical Society that has experience with this, and Curt created some puzzle mock-ups for our consideration. Several options were presented, and the Board members decided on a beautiful scene of the Colchester Village Green. The larger portion of the puzzle is a current color image and features a small inset of the historic black-and-white image. This puzzle will be a first edition, with additional puzzles of other local historic scenes possibly to be created after we determine the sales success of this first one. Board members agreed to authorize an expenditure of approximately \$300.00 to cover the cost of set-up and production of 24 puzzles. Our cost per puzzle is about \$11.00, and the plan is for us to sell them for \$25.00 each. Fran will save us shipping fees by picking up the finished products at the puzzle company located in Waterbury Center. Since we are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, there is no sales tax involved. Once we receive the invoice, Bob will provide a check for payment. The hope is for these puzzles to be available for sale at our table during the Colchester Autumnal Market on October 11 as well as other upcoming events.

Bonnie announced that we received a request from Alexandra Garrett, assistant professor of history at Saint Michael's College. The professor plans to take several of her students on at least one of the Colchester Historical Society's self-guided driving tours and invited two of our volunteers to go along to speak more about the historic sites and about our organization. Bonnie will contact her for further information and reach out to some of our members about volunteering for this opportunity.

This meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bonnie L. Potter
Bonnie L. Potter, President
and Acting Secretary