**Brimfield Historical Commission**

Meeting Notes- July 1, 2021

Present: Mark Conners, Bob Corry, Adrienne Bachand, Susan Overbey, John Curtis, Mike Defalco (via TEAMS), Sue DeBruin

Meeting called to order: 6:06pm

1. Mark expressed a desire to step down as chairman. He nominated Sue DeBruin as the chairperson. Second motion was made by John Curtis and a third by Susan Overbey. All members voted in favor.
2. **Mail:** Our BHC mail that had accumulated in the mailbox was reviewed. A $100 gazebo donation was noted and other mail was distributed to members. Mark will speak with Howie Fife about working with the last green valley on our behalf regarding the CCC and Brimfield State Forest educational hike proposed for this fall. Discussed the need to pay our ongoing expenses before the end of the fiscal year. Discussed reimbursing Bob for his $500 deposit to Kloter Farms and his expenses relating to the construction of the fundraising thermometer sign. We spoke at length about the book project expenses and our previous vote to dedicate $1,000 toward the gazebo project. Mark made a motion to cover all expenses once we know our final numbers/needs. Second motion was made by Susan.
3. **Book Project**: Mike reported that the book is done. Susan has a copy for a final review, as does Ann from the Library. New drawings will be added to the cover and 3 additional illustrations/pictures will be added, including the early drawing of Brimfield provided by John. Once the review is complete it will be ready to go to the printer. Discussed options for selling it and at what cost. We will not know the price until the printer has a copy.
4. **Gazebo:** Members discussed the strong support from the Selectboard. Our funding source looks promising, but is not final. Discussed the lingering questions over the bid process, potential price increase or decrease, and the 12-14 week waiting period after the order is placed.
5. **Fundraising billboard**: Adrienne volunteered to be a liaison to the Brimfield Community Partnership with our mutual interests in the town common space.
6. **Living Histories:** Bob is planning a panel discussion in the cable access studio where survivors of the tornado will be interviewed. Another potential project is an on-site interview with local experts on Native American sites in Brimfield.
7. PO Box rental will be renewed for an additional 6 months.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm