

Hello Members!!

We are all looking forward to a time when life returns to “normal”, but according to the national news reports tonight, that might not be possible for a very long while.

At the Rutland Historical Society, we are working behind the scenes as hard as possible to maintain the access and availability that the Society has always prided itself on having. Although it caused some delay with a few things, we have managed to overcome most of the obstacles that this pandemic has been hurling in front of us.

I apologize to the members who received unexpected, multiple copies of our last quarterly, *The 175th Commemoration of the Vermont State Fair*. It was the first edition with an experiment of new pandemic procedures. (Thank you, COVID!) The accidental duplicate mailing seemed to be the only evident glitch in the new process, and that issue will hopefully be corrected this time around.

We have decided to do the calendar as our 3rd quarterly and as a companion follow-up celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Vermont State Fair during the traditional fall fair season.

Like quite a bit this year, the annual meeting will be different. As much as we wanted to have in-person festivities, it just is not advisable or feasible.

Therefore,
our annual meeting will be via ZOOM
on November 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Many organizations have had to resort to this alternative, and the board has concluded that this is the safest, most available, and most accessible avenue to utilize at the present time. I realize that not everyone who would come to an in-person meeting can attend an online meeting. The positive of ZOOM is that it allows our members who are out of the area to attend. However, there is a 100-person limit.

The links for the ZOOM annual meeting are:

Access link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5444983948?pwd=OUxzMjJuWGJzbEdLRzR2UFdNcmhBZz09>

Meeting ID: 544 498 3948

Passcode: 615280

We have four open seats to fill at this election. Our treasurer has retired. And our secretary has resigned due to the pandemic. We have appointed Corey Kennedy to that position of secretary, which leaves his seat and two other director seats open.

With that, nominations that have been received to date are as follows:

Treasurer: William Notte

Director: Scott Kauffman

William Lucci

Ronald Hemenway

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting and that you all stay safe and well.

Always,

Barbara L. Giffin, president