

Milton Historical Museum Reimagining Committee

Report to the Board for the 4/7/2021 Annual Meeting

This is an update on the work of the museum “Reimagining Committee” for the annual meeting.

Current members of the committee: Rick Stowell, Charlie Farrell, Madeline Martin, Sage Maynard, Mia St. Amand, Matt Aureli, Kym Duchesneau, Lou Mossey, Gary Furlong

It was just over a year ago when the idea of forming a committee to “reimagine” what the Milton Historical Museum might look like to increase engagement with the community, attract more visitors, and promote the work of the Historical Society. No sooner did we decide to move forward with the idea than Covid hit and we were shut down. By August we were able to begin meeting and discussing possibilities for the museum. By November we were forced to shut down our work again but were able to begin meeting again by February and have continued to meet since then.

Our work so far:

1. We did empty the lobby and painted the lobby. Sage, Mia, and Matt (all MHS students) are going to create a short video introducing the Milton Historical Society and Museum to visitors. Other ideas for the lobby include a mural on one wall, possibly displaying the town charter on another wall, a display stand for calendars and newsletter.
2. The hallway leading to the basement was painted.
3. The old bathroom was cleaned out. Rick Hamilton is building shelves for the room. We want to be able to free up some room in the back meeting room by moving some of the picture binders, books, documents etc. to this room.
4. We moved many items downstairs to free floor space so we could better assess how much space we would need for exhibits.
5. Following the survey of people about their interest in certain aspects of Milton’s history and committee discussion the committee decided on creating exhibits about the following topics:
 - a. The agricultural history of Milton
 - b. The history of Arrowhead Mountain and Arrowhead Lake
 - c. The Flood of 1927
 - d. The history of businesses in Milton
 - e. Myths and Mysteries of Milton.

Additionally, the racing exhibit will remain but be consolidated and a station for genealogical information will be created.

Items not being used in current exhibits will be stored in the basement for use in future exhibits.

The committee has begun researching the exhibit topics and discussing the information to be included and how the exhibits can be developed.

Feel free to contact the committee at any time with questions.