

My April report, sent earlier, concluded in the expectation I would have to complete it at Wednesday's meeting. However, I was able to finish the arrangements I mentioned in time to send this along. If this proves to be my final report, which I do not yet know, I am obliged to address specific arrangements and would also like the opportunity to say thank you.

Arrangements: The State stipulates that a departing Historian is to turn over all records. Since I do not know the result of the executive session, I have made the appropriate arrangements. All archival materials are in their appropriate areas. The special collection referred to last month is complete, thanks to Karen Hindenlang. Thanks to Ann Wiley, there is now a detailed finding guide to the gravestone rubbings collection assembled by Sheila Edmunds. I am forwarding Ms. Wiley's recommendations to the Collections Committee of AHS.

Thanks: first to Ann and Debbie, with whom I've worked most closely. Next: I have truly appreciated working with the Community Preservation Panel, especially on the revisions of Section 700 of the Zoning Law. My confidence in their abilities was richly rewarded with an excellent work.

Further thanks: The Historian's Law of New York State encourages involving the local historical society in the care of a municipality's historical resources. Here, such a relationship was formalized by the Village in a Memorandum of Understanding in 2016 giving oversight of historic resources, including Patrick Tavern, to AHS. This has proven to be a wise move. Over the last six years, the Village has given an annual gift to AHS totaling \$14,400. The AHS has solicited grants and raised an additional \$73,433 for the work on Patrick Tavern: a 610% "return on investment." It doesn't matter whether the plan or the look pleases everyone; nothing pleases everyone. It matters that AHS has made Patrick Tavern sound, sustainable, and increasingly useful according to the planned intent. I greatly appreciate their conscientiousness and cooperation in caring for both archival and building resources.

Finally, thank you for the opportunity to meet with you.

Respectfully submitted,
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