

May 2018 Historian Report for June 2018 Town & Village Board Meetings
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Historian Activities During May 2018:

- Attended May 2, 2018 Town Board meeting and provided Historian report
- Attended May 21, 2018 Village Board meeting and provided Historian report
- Attended May 5, 2018 Book & Paper show at Eason Hall and purchased several historic photos and historic items of interest including a Mabel Powers book.
- Attended May 8, 2018 First Responders Tribute meeting at Fire Hall at which further planning and follow-up from the site visit in late April were discussed. Based on meeting did research for the group and shared information found.
- Attended May 24, 2018 workshop and exhibition of historic breweries (Koch and Dotterweich) and local (Chautauqua County) beer bottlers and bottles (Vince Martonis Hanover Historian) at the Fredonia Technology Incubator in Dunkirk. Provided additional information regarding Westfield brewers and bottlers to Martonis by request.
- Attended May 29, 2018 Rotary Club meeting as guest of Dan Smith (Plantrol) at which Greg Peterson, Randy Anderson, and Randy Sweeney gave a talk about Coon Road Speedway and their upcoming presentation about it at the Ox Roast.
- (Unable to attend Chautauqua County historian meeting at Fredonia Opera House on May 30, 2018, for health reasons. Meeting was focused on planning for the WWI program to be presented on Armistice Day (Veterans Day) in November.
- Provided information about the history of the Firemen's Ox Roast to Bill Bills by request. (Several BeeLines written over the years, latest in 2015 summarized).
- Shorehaven: have begun making contact with long-time family residents of Shorehaven to get information requested about the history and to obtain any early photos and other ephemera for a future BeeLines as well.
- Lustrom House: Doing follow-up on the former Bliss at Elm Street Lustrom house that was moved to another village, in preparation for a future BeeLines article about the historic building. Mark Smith has provided a link to a blog that is documenting this.
- Continuing to explore options for assistance with historian projects – particularly possible interns (unpaid) from local colleges, appointing a Deputy Historian (unpaid), and/or community service high school students. Most preferable would be finding a Deputy Historian who would be able and willing to move into the role of Westfield Historian when I retire (which may be within the next few months, for health reasons requiring me to move to Heritage Village or a similar facility. Michelle Henry, County Historian, has offered to help with this.
- BeeLines researched, written, published, and posted with photos on Wfd. website:
 1. Dan Reed Memorial Pier
 2. Mabel Powers – Iroquois Stories
 3. 1960s Police Photo ID, list of Police Chiefs
 4. St. Peters German Evangelical Church
 5. Help find Westfield pre-1900 Brewers, Bottlers, Bottles
- Continuing to assist Mike Engle with Diner history and other historian requests.