Meeting of the Local History Room Advisory Committee
March 3, 2015

Present: Kathy Kanuer, Jan Braman, Margery Salmon, Diane Riley, Anna Bundschuh, Town Councilwoman Linda Kohl

New Display on Kitchens in the 1920s will be in place in the spring. Currently snowfall around the original Sewer Dept. building in Channing Philbrick park keeps the maintenance people from moving an old gas stove from its storage area to the Local History Room. The committee discussed the possibility of having an Open House after the display is completed.

Program at the Pittsford Highlands senior center. Kathy spoke to a senior group in Pittsford on Feb. 26. Her talk is to be followed by bus tours on March 19 and April 2 to see interesting historical locations and buildings in Penfield. Margery suggested the multi-generation Braman farm as a possible tour site. Kathy also did a program for seniors at Penfield’s Methodist Church. The committee commented on several former Penfield residents who now live at the Highlands in Pittsford.

Civil War Event. May 2, 2015 This will be the 4th annual Civil War event put on by Penfield’s Historian, the Recreation Dept., Penfield Heritage, and the Library as a commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Kidd Castle Program Jeff Cook will provide a Sunday afternoon lecture on the Kidd Castle on Bay Road in the fall.

Webster Historian Lynn Barton has given Kathy a number of photographs and other documents of Penfield people and sites. The committee viewed the materials which particularly cover Penfield’s Bayview YMCA, the Peter Harris School on the corner of Salt Road and Sweets Corners Road, and the District 13 school in Roseland. A lengthy article about Penfield from a 1955 Democrat & Chronicle was included. Such exchanges are beneficial as the historians involved acquire more information about their communities.

Penfield Town Documents Diane Riley is sorting a box of documents, some of which are Town Clerk records from the time when the town had an Overseer of the Poor. Some of the materials are very interesting, such as the document in which the Overseer gave the poor person an authorization to get flour at a local mill, for which the town will pay. There is also a document in which the town will pay a few cents for rental of a home for a poor resident.