

**July 2017 Historian Report for August 2017 Board Meetings**  
**Marybelle Beigh, Westfield Town & Village Historian**

**Historian Activities During July 2017:**

- Attended Town Board meeting, July 12, 2017; provided June Historian Report
- Attended Village Board meeting, July 17, 2017; provided June Historian Report
- Attended LWRP Workshop, July 25, 2017; participated in works sessions
- Met Client and provided research to date about WWII POW Camp buildings; still no information located about dismantling and/or moving of buildings.
- Mayor/Village President “rogue’s gallery” project is continuing.
- Continuing serving as a Wednesday afternoon volunteer at visitor booth at Lighthouse.
- BeeLines articles researched, written, and published with related photos and maps in the Westfield Republican, and on Westfield Historian Facebook page for July:
  1. History of Portage Road and French & Indian War - Part 3, referring to documents by H.C. Taylor, Sir William Johnson, and D.A.A. Nichols; 2017 photos by myself of the Marker stones and signs at North Gale/South Portage, and on Westfield/Sherman Road at Village/Town Line. (note that the N Gale markers are well cared-for and visible, but the Sherman Rd. Stone is overgrown and also needs bronze plaque cleaned.)
  2. History of Portage Road and French & Indian War – Part 4, referring to a 1937 Grape Belt newspaper article by C. Bernard Peterson, who quotes local history buff, the late A.S. Tennant’s early documents and writings; 1783-1796 Map of eastern US, which was amongst Tennant’s historic materials.
  3. WNY’s “first fourth” – History of Portage Road and French & Indian War – Part 5, referring to a 1954 Buffalo Evening News article by Merle G. Sheffield, who provides further details about young George Washington’s visit to WNY area, and part in French & Indian War (part 1 of 2 BeeLines about this story); Photocopy of Map published with Sheffield story showing region of French Occupation, including the Portages.
  4. Portage Road-French & Indian War-WNY’s 1<sup>st</sup> Fourth – Part 6 of Series, concluding story of article in part 5; same map as part 5.