

**March 2015 Historian Report for April Board Meetings**  
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**Historian Activities During March 2015:**

- Attended Westfield Town Board Meeting 3-4-2015 and gave February Historian Report
- Attended Westfield Village Board Meeting 3-16-2015 and gave February Historian Report
- Voted in Village elections on Wednesday, 3-18-2015; congrats to Mayor & Trustees elected!
- Assisted by volunteer with sorting and filing previous historian files. Lots more to do! <sigh>
- Attended Bemus Point Historical Society meeting, Tuesday 3-10-2015, for program by Vince Martonis, Hanover Town Historian, on 19<sup>th</sup> century redware and stoneware potters and pottery history in Chautauqua County. Handouts, and examples of pottery from all over the county were displayed, including stoneware jugs from Lake Erie Wine Cellars of Westfield NY, as well as discussion of how to identify unmarked pieces. After the presentation, attendees were encouraged to bring personal stoneware items for evaluation, identification, etc. Some items from Westfield digs by a local client along Chautauqua Creek were provided by yours truly and received positive comments.
- At the Bemus Point meeting on 3-10-2015, another local client donated an original timetable of the JW&NW trolley from 1914, to the Westfield History archives. (Excellent condition.)
- Westfield Historian bid and won an E-Bay item - page 32 of the February 7, 1914 Saturday Evening Post magazine, with a half-page (vertically) ad for Welch's Grape Juice featuring a drawing of Abraham Lincoln as part of the presentation. (Excellent Condition! About \$10)
- Attended Chautauqua County Genealogical Society (CCGS) meeting, Tuesday, 3-17-2015, to renew membership, hear program by Jack Ericson, and obtain latest brochure of publications. Highly recommended for Westfield Historian research is a CD containing all seven atlases of Chautauqua County maps that have previously been individually available on CD for \$15 each. The 7-atlas CD is a bargain at \$50, and includes searchable name indexes of landowners of homes and businesses, etc.
- Attended a Historic Preservation presentation by Erin Tobin of the Preservation League of NY State, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Dunkirk, sponsored by Academy Heights Neighborhood Assn. (Dunkirk), on Monday, 3-30-2015, 6:30 PM. Tobin provided much information of interest, and directed attention to recent publications available online, as well as names and phone numbers of prime contacts. One item of specific interest is an online Guidebook to Upper Floor Reuse of Main Street Buildings. Will research this further and provide a more in-depth report later.
- BeeLines articles researched, written, and published with historic photos include the following:
  1. History Mystery - Diving for Treasure in Lake Erie - WR March 5, 2015
  2. Harrington, Chautauqua Gorge, Volusia - WR March 12, 2015
  3. Paper Mill, Paper Warehouse, Portage Inn - WR March 19, 2015
  4. Westfield's First Fire Hall and Lock Up - WR March 26, 2015
- Thanks to Vince Luce, Village Clerk, for providing a page, and posting Historian articles and reports, on the Village of Westfield website.
- Have also started a Westfield Historian Facebook page to post articles, photos, etc.