

**January 2017 Historian Report for February 2017 Board Meetings  
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**Historian Activities during January 2017:**

- Attended Town Board Meeting January 11, 2017
- Attended Village Board Meeting January 18, 2017
- Wrote 2016 Annual Historian Report and submitted electronically to the new NY State Historian, Devon Lander; Chautauqua County Historian, Michelle Henry; Westfield Village Board; Westfield Town Board; and Patterson Library's Westfield Historian Archives.
- Working with a client interested in doing a video about Grace Bedell
- John Slater continues to provide much helpful historical research information regarding our grape industry and the railroads serving Westfield
- BeeLines Articles researched, written, and published with related photos in Westfield Republican, and on Westfield Historian Facebook page for January:
  1. Eason Hall Window History (precipitated by a discussion about the old wavy windows in the North Room, and the plaque on the hallway wall); circa 1916 photo of Beckman Rink soon after it was built, the building which was remodeled to become Eason Hall in 1924; circa 1925 photo of Eason Hall when it was officially dedicated.
  2. History of Westfield's Grange Hall, also built by Beckman in 1916, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the building that was the final replacement on Main Street after the Minton House Fire of 1909. Emma Bishop's Centerstage Dance Studio now occupies the old grange hall rooms. Photo showing that section of Main Street, circa 1917-1919.
  3. History of Westfield's Water Works – two-part article. Photo for part one is a 1969 photo by (my late father) Don Blackburn of 1854 Reservoir found in Moore Park in 1969. Photo for part two is of the 1890s dam, taken circa 1995 by Devon Taylor, Mayville Historian, for his Chautauqua Gorge history.