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GENERAL MEETING REPORT

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We are pleased to have Jaime serve on the Society Board. She can be contacted for recommendations on plans you may have for your structure.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORY BOOK?

If you believe one should be prepared to attend the Monday, May 1, 7:30 meeting. It will be held at the Bal’s, 1700 E. Grand River.

It will be a brainstorming session to determine basic layout: geographic area, time span, subject matter, etc. It is a given that pictures, journals, oral histories, etc., will be needed.

If you’d like to be involved call Marianna, 229-6402, or if you can’t make the May 1 meeting but want to help, call.

BRIGHTON’S TOWN PUMP?

When installed, where, why, who used it, when was it removed, etc.? Answers to any or all of the above and other information regarding this subject will be gratefully received and added to the files.
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