

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of July 14, 2014
Merrimac Savings Bank

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Sally Woodman
	Kathy Meserve	John Meserve	Marilyn Landry	Barb DiBartolomeo

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the minutes of June 9, 2014. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The June 30, 2014.

The Checking income was from NHC Grant for our July presentation. Expenses were for the electric bill. The Money Market income was from interest. Sally Woodman made a motion to accept the June 30, 2014 Treasurers' Reports. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Marshall House Barn repair update: Bill Landry reported he sent an email to Rob Hayes asking for an update of the costs. Bill has not heard back from Rob.

Middle School Project Update: Mary Riordan showed her PowerPoint presentation on the Ice Trade in Newton. She will add pictures of the ice tools that we have. Bill Landry showed his presentations on the Cobbler shops, the Hayford Carriage business, and Houses/Businesses, Then and Now. Bill is waiting to get pictures from David Hayford of Edward & John Hayford. John Meserve suggested including information about the carriages and wooden automobile frames made in Amesbury & Merrimac and sent up the Peanut Trail to the Newton Junction train station. Bill is hoping to get pictures of the old Skating Rink from Bill Ingles. Bill showed Word documents with a list of businesses in town, people from Newton who enlisted in the service in during the Civil War and World War I, Bill Moissan, Hannah Chase and the Grebinsteins. Bill asked if we should do something on the fire of 1887. He was trying to find the WMUR Chronicle show on the fire. Kathy Meserve thought the Cable Committee may have made a copy of the show. Bill has a map we could use to show the area burnt by the fire. Barb will get train pictures to Mary Riordan. Karen suggested we invite the teachers to our next meeting to see what we have here and items for display in the Schoolhouse. Bill will send Nicole an email invitation. The committee will meet next Monday July 21st at 3:30PM at the Primary Schoolhouse.

New Business:

Mike Bowers Interview re: trains?: John Meserve suggested we interview Mike Bowers about trains. Mike lives in town and knows a lot about the history of the trains in Newton. John knows Roger ?? from Merrimac who is a train buff. John will ask Roger if he'd be interested in helping with the interview.

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Stairs at the Primary School House: Karen O'Malley noted the front stairs at the Primary School House are in need of repair. Bill Landry agreed and noted that he had talked with Rob Hayes about propping up the roof of the front porch and replacing the support beams and decking of the porch and stairs.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: No report

Historian: No report. Bill Landry sent an email to Courtney but has not received a reply.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported the "to do" shelves are getting empty. She found a box of high school pictures. She has put them on the table to be looked at by the Curators. Mary Riordan suggested displaying the pictures at the Fall Social to see if anyone can identify them. Karen and Barb DiBartolomeo have been labeling the boxes and shelves. There is a list in each box of its contents. Karen will put boxes under the tables so when we rotate the display we can store the items in the box under the table it was on.

Programs: Sally Woodman reported the "Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln" presentation on July 30, 2014 will not be televised. Bill will not be able to attend so Kathy Meserve will run the show. Marilyn Landry will be the backup to Kathy. The 2015 programs are scheduled for April – "Two Old Friends" and September – "Rally 'Round the Flag". Bill Landry will contact Roxie Zwicker to see what other presentations she does. Sally will send Mary the dates of the 2015 presentations.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan thanked the members for their feedback on the Web site. She will move it from the development space to the "live" space and let Bill know. Bill will then let Mary Winglass know she can change the link on the Town web site to our new web site. There was discussion of how the link on the Town site will be changed. Bill Landry will send John Meserve the new web site address for our letterhead.

Correspondence: None

Other: None

Next Meeting: Monday August 11, 2014, 7:00 PM at the Merrimac Savings Bank.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary