

NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of November 10, 2014
Merrimac Savings Bank

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Ron Saunders
	Kathy Meserve	John Meserve	Marilyn Landry	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Sally Woodman	Diane Morin	Roger Hamel	Cheryl Saunders

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Diane Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of October 20, 2014 as written. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from Festival Sponsors and ticket sales. Expenses were for the electric bill, Fall Festival and NH Historical Society dues. The Money Market income was from Festival sponsors and interest. Kathy Meserve made a motion to accept the October 31, 2014 Treasurers' Reports. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Cub Scout visit to Primary School Museum: Bill Landry reported the Cub Scout troop visited the museum. We showed them a slide show on "Now and Then" and the train wrecks.

Marshall House Barn repair Update: Bill Landry reported he and Rob Hayes picked up the lumber. He spoke to Mike Pivero about clearing the brush from the right side and back of the barn. Karen O'Malley suggested asking Mike to clear around the Cobbler Shop. Bill asked Ron if he could hook up something to provide more electrical outlets. Ron said it would be easier to run extension cords out the windows. Rob Hayes has a generator he could bring. Diane Morin offered her generator. The work will start on Saturday Nov. 22nd. Ron Saunders will bring his trailer to put the old wood in.

Fall Festival Review: Kathy Meserve thanked everyone for their help in making the Festival a success. Everyone had a good time. This was our best year for fundraising. Fifty-eight people attended this year. We had 48 corporate sponsors and sold 52 tickets.

Mike Bowers Interview re: trains: John Meserve has not spoken to Mike Bowers yet.

Stage Curtain grant update: Bill Landry reported Karen O'Malley offered to put up two of the workers. Diane Morin and Sally Woodman offered to put up the third worker. Bill suggested getting muffins for breakfast. Barb DiBartolomeo offered to make a dinner for them. The workers will be here from Mon. Nov. 17th through Wed. Nov. 19th. Bill asked for volunteers to be at the Town Hall while they're working. Bill will be there every day. Roger Hamel volunteered for Monday. Barb DiBartolomeo volunteered for Tues. Mary Riordan volunteered for Weds. Bill, Ron and Ron's sons will take the curtains down Saturday Nov. 15th. Ron will bring his 14' step ladder. Karen, Bill, Roger and Marilyn will get the table setup on Friday Nov. 14th. They will meet at Karen's at 10 AM.

Christmas Tree Lighting Sun. Dec 7: Bill Landry spoke to Sue Mears at the Library. She's all set to have kids make decorations and bring them to the tree at 5:30PM. Cheryl will get the hot chocolate and cookies. Mike Pivero told Bill he will try to get a bucket truck to put up the lights. Ron Saunders checked the lights that were left on the tree. They were OK. Bill has the lights that were removed last year. Santa and his Elf are all set. Santa will be available starting at 5:30PM. The tree

NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

will be lit at 6:00PM. Bill noted the luminaries are in the school house. Cheryl has more lights for the luminaries. We will put them out in front of the Primary Schoolhouse.

New Business:

December meeting: Bill Landry suggested having the December meeting at the Sargent Woods Community Center. The officers for 2015 will be elected at the December meeting.

Anyone who would like to attend should contact Bill Landry at 603-382-0949 or email him at newtonhistoricalsoc@comcast.net.

Ray Thayer request: Bill Landry received a request from Ray Thayer to return the picture of the Schoolhouse painted by Carol Szot that he won at a Historical Society raffle. Carol gave Bill another picture she painted of the Schoolhouse. He put the picture and the donation forms in the Schoolhouse for Karen O'Malley to accession.

Primary Schoolhouse Museum insurance: Bill Landry received the insurance renewal from Foy Insurance. Bill and Roger Hamel will go to Foy to review the coverage. There was discussion on the liability limit.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Cheryl Saunders reported Mike Chaisson said there are no Eagle Scout projects at this time. Ron Saunders will make a temporary repair of the steps and railing for the tree lighting.

Historian: No report

Archivist: Bill Landry gave Karen O'Malley information on Newton, NH soldiers in the Civil War. Karen reported she will verify that the items on the wall of the Schoolhouse are accessioned and work on tagging the items in the Marshall House. Mary Riordan is still working on weeding out the duplicate pictures of 250th Anniversary celebration.

Programs: Sally Woodman will contact Roxie Zwicker next year for a summer presentation.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported the Fall Festival pictures are on the Web Site. In October we had 162 unique visitors, a 25% increase from September. We are currently using half of our allotted disk space. Bill asked about getting more space. Mary will look into it.

Correspondence: None

Other: None

Next Meeting: Monday December 8, 2014, 7:00 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary