

NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of September 8, 2014
Newton Town Hall

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Marilyn Landry	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Sally Woodman	Diane Morin		

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 7: 04 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Sally Woodman made a motion to accept the minutes of August 11, 2014. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yeas, 1 abstention.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was a transfer from the Money Market account. Expenses were for the electric bill and the Fall Festival. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were a transfer to the Checking account. Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the August 31, 2014 Treasurers' Reports. Barb DiBartolomeo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Angela McVey – Newton/Kingston Girl Scouts: Angela explained the Girl Scout Silver Award. This award is a step toward the Gold Award which is equivalent to the Eagle Award in the Boy Scouts. She described a possible project to create a living scrapbook of happenings in Newton where people could contribute pages to the scrapbook about their community event. She explained the requirements for the Silver Award – it has to be at least 20 hours of work, and sponsored by someone outside the Girl Scouts. She also wanted us to know that the Girl Scouts could support us in our events or projects. She explained that there is a wide spectrum of possibilities – wherever there is a need in the community. Bill Landry asked her to send us a list of projects other Girl Scouts have done to help us identify possibilities. Marilyn Landry asked if they could do carpentry because we need to do some work on the Primary Schoolhouse porch. Bill replied that Ron & Cheryl Saunders were going to contact the Boy Scouts about repairing the porch as an Eagle Scout project.

Marshall House barn Repair Update: Bill Landry reported he went to the Selectmen's meeting with the latest proposal for the repair of \$2500. The Selectmen voted to spend \$2500 to repair the barn. Bill estimated the work will be done at the end of October. Mary Riordan volunteered to help with the work. Bill believes it will be done on a weekend.

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Home Day (Carriage display): Bill Landry reported Selectman Matt Burrill asked if we would put the Hayford carriage on display at Home Day. Charlie Melvin offered to put the carriage on his flatbed truck. Bill told them we could do it weather permitting. If there is any chance of inclement weather we will not take the carriage out. Charlie will put it on the truck on Friday and store it in his garage until Saturday. Bill asked if any members would be able to attend Home Day. Ron Saunders will provide the straps to secure the carriage to the flatbed.

Fall Festival Update: Bill Landry read the update from John Meserve. John has the posters for the Fall Festival. The Corporate Sponsor letters will be mailed next week. We need to reserve the glasses. We need gifts for the door prizes. The event will be Saturday October 25th 4:30—6:30PM.

Mike Bowers Interview re: trains? No report

Middle School Project Update: Bill Landry is waiting to hear back from Nicole Woulfe and Michelle Hannon. He updated the presentation. He is working on putting the Chronicle piece into the presentation.

Stage Curtain Grant: Bill Landry reported we only got 80% of the grant we applied for. Bill went to the Selectmen's meeting to explain the situation and that we needed \$1700 to do the curtain restoration. The Selectmen agreed to pay \$1500 towards the project. Charlie Melvin offered to give his monthly Selectmen's stipend to the project to make up the difference. Bill Landry reported he had talked to Chris Hadsell from Curtains without Borders about the project and asked if it could be done for the amount we have. She thought something could be worked out. The project will not start until after the November election. It will take 5 to 8 days to fix the curtains and the roll-up mechanism of the front curtain. Bill thinks we can take the curtains down and roll them up so the restoration people can just put them on the tables and begin the work. Bill reported he had a Facebook conversation with Judy Grainger who indicated her husband could take pictures of the restoration for us.

New Business:

Christmas tree lighting date: The Christmas Tree lighting will be December 7th. Visits with Santa and the tree decorating will start at 5:00PM with the lighting at 6:00PM at the Primary Schoolhouse Museum. It was suggested the Girls Scouts could help with this event.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: No report

Historian: No report

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Archivist: Barb DiBartolomeo reported she has boxes for Ron & Cheryl Saunders to look through. The baskets from Myrtle Rogers have been finished and will be returned to Rebecca.

Programs: Sally Woodman reported our next presentation is September 24th at 7:00PM at the Newton Town Hall – Winning the War, Shaping the Peace: Industry, the Civil war and the Birth of Consumerism. Bill Landry has seen good reviews of this presentation in Exeter. He sent the press release to the Carriage Town News and will put the posters in the usual places. Sally will contact the presenter a week before to confirm what she needs and what time we need to be at the Town Hall.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported she met with Mary Winglass about changing the old pages on the Town site. Our page now shows up in some of the search engines. She reported the web site had 159 visits in August with an average of 7 pages viewed per visit. Most people are getting to our site from the Town web site.

Correspondence: Bill Landry reported Mary Jo McCullough forwarded him a correspondence from Arcadia Publishing. We had decided several years ago not to do a project this them. Bill replied to them explaining our previous decision.

Bill received a research request from Sandy Bressler. The newspaper clipping she sent was from a Boston paper. Bill replied to her suggesting she contact the Newton, MA Historical Society.

Other: None

Next Meeting: Monday October 20, 2014, 7:00 PM at the Merrimac Savings Bank.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary