

# Newton Historical Society

Minutes of June 8, 2015  
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

## **Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan**

Cheryl Saunders made a motion to accept the minutes of May 11, 2015. Mike Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## **Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry**

The Checking income was from dues. Expenses were for the electric bill. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for NHHC 2016 Presentation fees. Kathy Meserve made a motion to accept the May 31, 2015 Treasurers' Reports. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## **Old Business:**

**Historical slide show presentation to Sargent Woods residents:** Bill Landry reported the presentation is scheduled for Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Karen O'Malley asked if we wanted any artifacts to show. Bill responded that since this was the first showing we will stick to a PowerPoint presentation.

He will have the 250<sup>th</sup> booklets and membership forms available. The presenters will do a dry run following this meeting.

**Status of Original Town Charter restoration:** Bill Landry reported he spoke to Jim Doggett last week. Jim did not have any more information for Bill yet.

**New Business:** None

## **Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:**

**Curators: Schedule Schoolhouse porch review:** Ron Saunders and Bill Landry will look at the porch Thursday 6/11 at 4:10 PM.

Ron Saunders reported he is looking for 12 2x12x8 blocks to put the carriage stands on.

**Historian:** None

**Archivist:** Karen O'Malley reported she has accessioned another 40 items this year.

**Donation of 92 yr. old baby carriage?:** Bill Landry talked to Irene Giannatsis about the carriage. Irene said it was from Haverhill not Newton. He left her a message that we are only accepting items associated with Newton.

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*Newton PTA book of photos & documents:* Bill Landry received the book from Sue Mears. It contains items from the Newton Middle School in 1964. Bill will get Sue to complete the Deed of Gifts / Accession form.

Karen found an old undated letter from Paul E. Holmes of Plaistow about a Harvey Mitchell collection site. No one was familiar with this collection. Bill gave the letter to Roger Hamel to check on.

**Programs:** Sally Woodman reported "Ramblin' Richard" is all set for Wednesday 7:00 PM June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. Bill has sent out the publicity emails. The next event is "Rally Round the Flag" on Wednesday 7:00PM Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.

The results of the survey Bill sent out on the 2016 presentation are April 13<sup>th</sup> – Wacky songs that make you laugh and Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – Liberty is our Motto (Musical).

**Web Site Status:** Mary Riordan reported the May statistics for the web site were close to the April numbers. She added the Veteran's List to the home page. She noted the registration of our domain name expires on June 5, 2016 and suggested to simplify maintenance we contact Robert Dezmelyk about transferring the registration of the domain name to the Society. Mary informed Bill the GoDaddy payment account information must be updated. She will schedule a time with Bill to make this change and ask about increasing the web site disk space.

## **Correspondence:**

*Research request – Mark Faulkner (Farmer in the Dell)* Bill Landry received a request for information on the Farmer in the Dell home. Bill sent him the pictures and information we had.

Bill Landry received a \$30 donation from Kim and Mike Hughes.

## **Other:**

Roger Hamel was at the Town Safety meeting where the subject of First Aid Kits came up. He asked if we had kits in the Museums. Bill Landry said we do. He will check them for expired supplies the next time he's there.

**Next Meeting:** Monday July 13, 2015, 7:00 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary