

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of April 13, 2015
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

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

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the minutes of December 8, 2014. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

Dec. 2014 report:

The Checking income was from donations at the Christmas tree lighting. Expenses were for the electric bill, barn repair, curtain restoration, Christmas tree lighting and donation to the Newton Food Pantry. The Money Market income was from interest, NHSCA Grant and Town of Newton Curtain Pledge. Expenses were for the Curtain Restoration project and member Christmas Party. Barbara DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the December 31, 2014 Treasurers' Reports. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

January thru March 2015 report:

The Checking income was a transfer from the Money Market account. Expenses were for the electric bill, Sargent Woods Condo Assoc. security fee, NH State Annual Report fee and supplies/postage. The Money Market income was from interest and a donation from ITW Corp. Expenses were a transfer to the Checking Account. Cheryl Saunders made a motion to accept the January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 Treasurers' Reports. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Table & chairs from Gale Library: Bill Landry reported we received a table and six chairs from the Library. There is a plaque on the table honoring Mary Sargent Hayford who was a Library Trustee and Town Clerk in the 1940's. The table will be used at the Primary School Museum.

Final Report stage curtain project: Bill Landry reported he has submitted the Final Report on the Stage Curtain Restoration project.

New Business:

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Meeting venue change: Meetings will now be held at the Sargent Woods Community Center. Bill Landry thanked John Meserve for allowing us to meet at the Merrimack Savings Bank for the past 8 years.

2014 Federal, State and local reports & Internal Audit: Bill Landry reported he submitted all required Federal, State and Local financial reports for 2014. Kathy Meserve conducted an Internal Audit and found everything in order.

Society provided photos & report for 2014 Town Report Cover: Bill Landry reported he provided the Town with the Stage curtain photos for the Annual Report cover and a write-up of the restoration project.

2015 Dues Due (Life Members excluded): Bill Landry reminded members that dues are due.

Historian position: Bill Landry heard from Courtney Jason. Unfortunately, her schedule won't allow her to attend our Monday meetings. She resigned from the Historian position. Bill Landry appointed Roger Hamel as the Historian.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Schoolhouse porch repair/replacement – Cheryl Saunders reported there are no Eagle Scout projects in the near future. Bill Landry spoke with Rob Hayes about fixing the porch. Bill thinks the porch will have to be replaced. Cheryl Saunders asked for a stock list on our letterhead for the repair project and offered to ask Home Depot if they would donate some of the material.

Ron Saunders thinks he found the actual deed for the Marshall house. He has items to return to Karen for accessioning.

Ron asked Bill for help with removing the Christmas lights from the tree.

Historian: Roger Hamel showed a presentation on the Trolley line that ran from Haverhill, MA to Hampton, NH. The line ran up Smith Corner Road, through Sargent Woods, across Peaslee Crossing at Zoe Lane, to South Main Street and up to Goulds Hill and then onto Hampton Beach. The service ran from May 1902 to 1930.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported she did more accessioning over the winter and has almost cleared off the "to-do" stack. Mary Riordan still has the 250th Celebration pictures.

Programs: Sally Woodman gave Bill Landry a check from NHC for the "Two Old Friends" presentation on April 21st 7:00 PM at the Town Hal. We have also scheduled "Rally 'round the Flag" American Civil war through folk songs for September 23rd 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Bill Landry found information on Richard Kruppa – "Ramblin' Richard Songs of World War II. Bill Landry contacted the Sargent Woods Veterans Group to see if they would be interested in participating in the event. Bill will confirm this with them at the end of the month.

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Cheryl Saunders made a motion to spend \$100 to have Richard Kruppa present his show. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. Sally will finalize this event for June 24th for 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

Sally suggested we start working on next year's events. Marilyn Landry volunteered to be on the sub-committee to get a list of 4-5 events we can vote on. The NH Humanities Council only allows 2 events per organization due to funding reductions.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan had nothing to report. Bill Landry asked if our hits were increasing. Mary replied they were, especially when we post new photos. We are using approximately 60% of our storage space. Mary will check into how to get more storage space.

Correspondence:

Research request – Cindi Silverman re: Bootland Farm: Bill Landry received a request for information about Bootland Farm from Saundra White's daughter Cindi Silverman. Cheryl Saunders said Bootland farm was at the top of the hill on Highland and she thought the house and barn in question were not the Bootland Farm homestead but that is was only a part of the farm. The Martin family owned Bootland Farm.

Research Request – Highland Dental: Bill Landry received a request from Melissa Dennison of Highland Dental for some old photos of Newton to hang in their new office. Bill sent her several photos.

Other:

Middle School Project: Bill Landry received a package containing Thank You notes from the 6th graders at the Middle School for how much they enjoyed our slide show. They particularly liked the "Now and Then" section. Bill will send a note back to -Nicole Woulfe. Sally Woodman suggested putting the slide show on the local cable station. There was discussion on doing the slide show for the Sargent Woods community or as one of our events. Cheryl Saunders suggested we do one at the Town Hall for all residents. This will be discussed at our June meeting.

Fall Festival Prize Donation: Jane Hamel showed a quilted wall hanging she's working on that she will donate as a Fall Festival Door prize.

Next Meeting: Monday May 11, 2015, 7:00 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary