

# Newton Historical Society

Minutes of August 10, 2015  
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the minutes of July 13, 2015. Sally Woodman seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 yeas, 3 abstentions.

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

The Checking income was from dues. Expenses were for the electric bill, lumber supplies for the carriage jacks and Newton Food Pantry donation. The Money Market income was from interest. Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the July 31, 2015 Treasurers' Reports. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## **Old Business:**

**Possible Restoration of Society's Hayford Carriages:** Bill Landry reported he and Karen met with Ann Miles and several people from the Amesbury Barn Association concerning our carriages. They were impressed with the carriages. Ann did not make the meeting to tell us what they thought should be done with the carriages. Ron Saunders will contact his cousin Dwight Lowes about restoring the seats on both Hayford carriages. Ron will get a cost estimate and timeline for the project. Karen O'Malley suggested we cover the seats to protect them.

**Purchase of restored Hayford Concord Carriage:** Bill Landry received an email from Bill Cooney concerning a Hayford carriage he has for sale. Bill spoke with Ann Miles about the carriage. She thought it was overpriced. Bill asked Mr. Cooney for more information on the carriage. He read the response from Mr. Cooney. The members decided not to purchase the carriage. Bill Landry will send Mr. Cooney a letter that we are not interested in purchasing the carriage.

**Steve Rowe regarding Newton artifacts:** Bill Landry received a message from Cindy Streeter to contact Steve Rowe about items he has. Bill left a message but has not heard from Steve. Bill will continue to make contact with him.

**Offer to Middle School of updated Newton Historical Slide Show:** Bill Landry sent an email to Nicole Wolfe at the Middle School offering an update to the presentation but has received no response.

**Fall Festival date set for Sat. Oct. 24th 4:30 – 6:30 PM:** The Fall Festival will be held Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 PM at the Merrimac Savings Bank. Kathy Meserve will schedule the sub-committee to meet in September. John Meserve will send out sponsor letters in September. He is working on the posters and press release.

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## **New Business:**

***Landscape issues at the Marshall House:*** Bill Landry reported the brush around the Marshall House, barn and cobbler shop is overgrown. He sent an email with pictures to the Selectmen requesting the brush be removed to avoid damage to the buildings. Karen O'Malley mentioned the windows in the cobbler shop need repair. Bill said they have been secured. The cobbler shop needs to be scrapped and painted.

***Participation in Newton Home Day Oct. 3 – 1:00 to 5:00 PM:*** Bill Landry received an email from Annie Collier of the Recreation Commission about participating in Home Day. Barb DiBartolomeo volunteered to paint a board with period clothing that people could stand behind and have their picture taken. Karen O'Malley suggested doing one for 2 adults and one for 2 children. Bill will get her some photos of period clothing. Cheryl Saunders suggested asking Rick Fortin if he would take the pictures. Bill will respond that we will participate.

***Setup displays in M.H. Barn? IE: Carriage Info & Ice tools:*** Bill Landry & Ron Saunders suggested putting the tools on the walls of the first floor.

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

***Curators:*** Update on Schoolhouse porch repair: Cheryl Saunders is going to talk to Jim at Home Depot on Wednesday.

Marshall House barn electrical project: Bill Landry picked up the wiring and boxes for the project. There will be an outlet on each level, two lights downstairs and one light upstairs. Ron suggested putting the THHN wire in an underground PVC pipe. Bill will contact Mike Pivero to contact Dig Safe and dig the ditch. Ron suggested thinking about putting in a receptacle on the house to plug into when we need to use it instead of digging a ditch and burying wire. After further discussion it was decided to bury the wire underground.

Blocks & Jacks available for raising carriages: This will be done after the carriage is restored.

***Historian:*** No report

***Archivist:*** Karen O'Malley reported everything in the barn is in the computer. She and Barb are going to make a second pass through to see if anything was missed.

***Programs:*** Rally Round the Flag will be on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM at the Town Hall. Next years' presentations are scheduled for April 13, 2016 – Wacky Songs that make you Laugh and Sept. 21, 2016 – Liberty is our Motto (Musical).

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John Meserve suggested doing the slide show presentation we did at Sargent Woods at the Town Hall. Bill Landry suggested we have some long-time residents, like Betty Standing, Russell and Ralph Estabrook, look at it to see if we need to correct any information.

**Web Site Status:** Mary Riordan reported the visitors to our site have been pretty consistent. The WW II program is quiet large. Bill noted it is played on the local channel 20. We won't put it on the web site.

**Correspondence:** None

**Next Meeting:** Monday September 14, 2015, 7:00 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary