

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of November 9, 2015
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the minutes of October 5, 2015. Diane Morin seconded the motion. The motion passed 12 yeas, 1 abstention.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from Fall Festival sponsors. Expenses were for the electric bill, Fall Festival supplies, annual fire extinguisher servicing, Home Day supplies and the appreciation award for Mike Pivero. The Money Market income was from interest and Fall Festival sponsors & ticket sales. Expenses were for Fall Festival expenses. Sally Woodman made a motion to accept the October 31, 2015 Treasurers' Reports. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Update on maintenance of Society's horse drawn carriages: Bill Landry reported the axles have been greased. Bill, Ron and John put the carriages up on blocks. Ann Miles told Bill they will come back in the spring to polish the carriages.

Update on Schoolhouse porch repair: Bill Landry reported the porch repair is complete.

Review of Fall Festival: Kathy Meserve reported the event was a great success. The net revenue was the highest we've had at \$3,300.95. We had 49 corporate sponsors this year who donated \$3,200. Sixty people attended the event. John Meserve reported Dave LaFlamme, CEO of North Shore Bank, and Kevin Tierney President and COO of North Shore Bank were in attendance and indicated this event was something they would continue to support in the future.

At the festival the Society awarded an Appreciation Plaque to Mike Pivero for his service to the Society and the community. He was also presented with a Life Membership to the Society

History slide show for residents: Bill Landry reported he and Roger tried several projectors but the audio did not work well. Mary Riordan suggested putting speakers on the laptop. The presenters will get together some weekend to pursue this.

Preservation of Newton's 1749 Charter: Bill Landry reported Jim Doggett will get special paper to wrap it. Prior to wrapping, display copies will be made for the Town Hall and two for the Society.

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New Business:

Museum sign for Schoolhouse: Bill Landry received an estimate from Sign Design for a sign for the Primary Schoolhouse Museum of \$185. The sign would be on PVC with 4" letters will and will read "Village Primary School Museum – Est. 2011". He passed around a sample. Ron Saunders made a motion to purchase a sign from Sign Design in Plaistow for the Primary Schoolhouse Museum for \$185. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Laptop issue: Bill Landry reported the screen on the society laptop is broken. Karen O'Malley, Mary Riordan and Diane Morin will look into getting a new laptop with the Adlib software and Microsoft Office.

Christmas tree Lighting: Due to low attendance last year, it was decided not to have an event this year. We will still put lights on the tree and light it. Ron Saunders will coordinate getting the lights on the tree. Ron and Bill will meet this Saturday.

Members Christmas Party (After Dec. 14 meeting): We will get pizza, salad, soda and dessert from Acios. We'll have a Yankee Swap of gifts with a maximum value of \$10.

Dec. election of officers: Bill Landry reminded the members we will be electing officers at our next meeting. If anyone is interested in one of the positions, please let him know.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: No action on the barn electrical project.

Ron Saunders had a couple of items for Karen. One is a wooden dog carving by Ross W Lyon dated 1942. He lived on the corner of Chase and Highland Sts. Ron also had a picture of the Granite State Grange 149 and a history of the Granite State Grange 1932. Historian Roger Hamel will do some research regarding Mr. Lyon.

Historian: No report

Archivist: The missing christening dress was found in the large display case in the Schoolhouse. Courtney had done some repairs and put it in the display case.

Programs: No more programs this year. Two are already scheduled for next year in April and September.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported the visitor level has been constant. After adding the Fall Festival pictures, we are using 70% of our allotted disk space. We will purge the Annual Reports and only keep 2 years.

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Correspondence: None

Other: Jane Hamel noted the Newton throw that is hanging in the Community Center looks very nice.

Next Meeting: Monday December 14, 2015, **6:30 PM** at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan

Mary Riordan, Secretary
