

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of October 5, 2015
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

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

Secretary's Report – Marilyn Landry

Diane Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of August 10, 2015. Barb DiBartolomeo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from Fall Festival sponsors and presentation donations. Expenses were for the electric bill, festival supplies, presentation costs and a Food Party donation. The Money Market income was from interest and Fall Festival sponsors. John Meserve made a motion to accept the August 31, 2015 Treasurers' Report. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Restoration of Society's Hayford Carriages: Bill Landry is trying to get a date from Ann Miles as to when the restoration work on the carriages will be started. Ron Saunders spoke with Barbara Lowes via email about restoring the seats. Dwight gave him an estimate of \$400-\$500 per seat. After speaking with Ann Miles, it was decided that Dwight's estimate was very fair and it was decided to go with Mr. Lowes. Ron is trying to nail down a date when that work will begin.

Participation in Newton Home Day Oct. 3, 1:00PM to 5:00PM: Barb & Bill DiBartolomeo, set up the "Photo Boards" at 8 Merrimack Rd for Home Day so attendees could take their pictures. Barb received a round of applause from the members for her excellent work.

Project to preserve Newton's 1749 Charter: Jim Doggett reported to Bill Landry that the preservation group in Andover, MA quoted a cost range from \$6,500. To \$22,000. to preserve the Charter. Jim who is very knowledgeable about this type of work, can preserve the document with proper materials at a minimum cost. It won't be as grand as the Andover Group, but it will preserve the document for many years to come. The cost to the society will be less than \$200.00.

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Update on Fall Festival: The publicity has begun via emails, Channel 20 posting, the Carriage Towne News, posters at local businesses and postings on Newton's two Facebook accounts.

We have received \$1,600.00 in sponsorships to date. Tickets have been distributed to the ticket outlets. The wine has been purchased. Various people are working on obtaining drawing prizes. Drawing prizes have been donated by Jim Doggett, Nancy Wrigley and Jane Hamel.

Marilyn Landry, Sally Woodman, Diane Morin and Cheryl Saunders will provide the food. Bill Landry will work on slide shows.

The "set up" crew will choose the artifacts and such when we set up the bank lobby at **1:00 PM on Sat. the 24th**.

New Business: NONE:

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators:

Update on Schoolhouse porch repair: Ron Saunders jacked up the sagging porch to a level position and replaced the footing beneath it. We are now ready to replace the boards on the porch and the steps.

Marshall House Barn electrical project: Ron Saunders reported that Mike Pivero dug the trench to the house and Ron ran the wiring pipe. Building Inspector Dan Reilly, checked the trench work and it meets all codes. When Mike Pivero filled in the trench he also spread loam over the area, seeded it and covered the seed with straw. He did a great job.

As soon as Ron has an opportunity he will finish the wiring connection in the house and we will have electricity in the barn.

Historian: No Report

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported that we are missing a child's dress that had been accessioned and placed in a box under one of the tables in the Primary School Museum. Bill will contact Courtney Jason to see if she recalls doing any work on the dress.

She also reported that we need to repair the glass pane that is in the front door of the schoolhouse.

Programs: Sally Woodman reported that the Rally 'Round the Flag presentation on September 23rd, was a big success. We had 30 people in the audience and collected \$35.00 in donations, which we matched and gave to the Newton Food Pantry.

Web Site Status: No report.

Correspondence: None

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Other: Bill Landry said that the presenters of the “History of Newton” slide show would get together to review the show and work on setting up a presentation some time in Nov. at the Town Hall for the residents

Next Meeting: Monday November 9, 2015, 7:00 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Landry, Acting Secretary