

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of September 14, 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 7:01 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Sally Woodman 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 NHC Grant for September presentation. Expenses were for the electric bill, electrical supplies for the barn, insurance and Carriage Barn to work on the carriages. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for electrical supplies for the barn. Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the August 31, 2015 Treasurers' Reports. Mike Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Purchase of restored Hayford Concord Carriage: Bill Landry contacted Mr. Cooney to inform him of our decision not to purchase the carriage.

Restoration of Society's Hayford Carriages: Bill Landry sent Carriage Barn money to purchase supplies needed for the wheels restoration work on the carriages. Ron Saunders spoke with Dwight Lowes about restoring the seats. Dwight gave him an estimate of \$400-\$500 per seat. Bill Landry will check with Ann Miles on the cost. John Meserve made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500 to repair the 3 seats on the 2 Hayford carriages. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passes on a unanimous vote.

Landscaping issues at the Marshall House: Bill Landry reported the Town is in discussions with T&M Properties on whether the clearing around the buildings is covered under the contract.

Participation in Newton Home Day Oct. 3 1:00PM to 5:00PM: Barb DiBartolomeo, with help from Mary Marshall, designed and created boards of period clothing that people could stand behind and have their picture taken. She received a round of applause from the members for her excellent work. Bill Landry will send out messages letting people know what we're doing at Home Day.

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Update on Fall Festival: Kathy Meserve reported John sent out over 100 sponsorship letters for the event. She gave Bill donations that have already come in. She also gave Bill a bill for the poster printing and stamps for the fundraising letter mailing. Bill Landry will get more stock to print tickets. The paper goods have been purchased, wine glasses are reserved. The sub-committee will be doing wine tasting in September to determine the wine selection. Kathy will be looking for donations for door prizes. Marilyn Landry, Sally Woodman, Diane Morin and Cheryl Saunders will help with the food. Bill Landry will send Diane Morin a JPEG of the poster to be put on the Local Cable Channel. The picture boards from Home Days will be displayed outside the bank.

New Business:

Donate 250th Wall Hanging to Sargent Woods Community Center: Bill Landry noted we have a second wall hanging that has been in storage. He suggested we donate it to the Sargent Woods Community Center. Bill will bring the proposal to the Sargent Woods Board of Directors.

Participate in Veterans' Day at Sargent Woods in November: Bill Landry received a call from Fred Burbridge to see if we would be interested in participating. Bill noted we have a list of veterans from Newton and a couple of write-ups on veterans of World War II. Bill will let Fred know what we have.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators:

Update on Schoolhouse porch repair: Cheryl Saunders received a donation of materials from Home Depot for the repair. The porch will be jacked up and the floor boards and stairs will be replaced. The plan is to complete the repair before it gets too cold.

Marshall House Barn electrical project: Bill Landry reported the barn is wired with lights and outlets. Mike Pivero dug the trench to the house and Ron Saunders ran the wiring pipe. Building Inspector, Dan Reilly, will check the trench tomorrow.

Historian: No Report

Archivist: John Meserve was contacted by Bob Donovan Sr. about Town Reports he has. Karen O'Malley indicated we have all the Town Reports.

Mary Riordan gave Karen the binder of pictures from the 250th Celebration. There is a note in the binder that 4 Hayford carriage pictures had been removed. They were likely used when we displayed the carriage at the Amesbury Carriage event last year.

Programs: Rally 'Round the Flag will be September 23rd, 7:00PM at the Town Hall. The 2016 presentations are April 13 – Wacky Songs that make you laugh and September 21 – Liberty is our Motto (Musical).

Mike Hughes asked if we've given any thought to doing our presentation at the Town Hall. Bill Landry said it would be on our October agenda for possibly doing it in November.

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Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported slightly more traffic on the site in August. Karen O'Malley suggested putting different sections of the presentation every month. Mary will work with Bill to break the presentation into sections for the web site.

Correspondence: None

Other: Kathy Meserve asked about the status of the Town Charter preservation. Bill Landry hasn't heard anything new from Jim Doggett.

Next Meeting: Monday October 5, 2015, 7:00 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary