

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of April 11, 2016
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

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

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the minutes of December 14, 2015. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

December 31, 2015:

The Checking income was from interest. Expenses were for the electric bill. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for purchase of a laptop, Christmas party and Food Pantry donation. Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the December 31, 2015 Treasurers' Reports. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

January 1 – March 31, 2016

The Checking income was from interest, ITW donation and NHHC grant for our April presentation. Expenses were for the electric bill, NH Historical Society dues and NH Annual Report filing. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for NH Non Profit Registration. Cheryl Saunders made a motion to accept the December 31, 2015 Treasurers' Reports. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

2015 Federal, State and local reports: Bill Landry reported he filed the following reports:

- IRS Tax Form 990-N
- State of NH Charitable Org. Financial Statement
- NH Dept. of Justice Annual Report
- Town of Newton Real Estate Exemption report & Charitable Org financial Report
- State Non-Profit Charter Renewal (every 5 years)
- NHS Internal Audit
- Bill will send Karen O'Malley a copy of the Internal Audit and NH Dept. of Justice Annual Report forms.

New Laptop status: Karen O'Malley reported the new laptop is up and running fine. She will give the old laptop to Mary Riordan to wipe the disk before disposing of it. Bill told Mary to tell the Transfer Station the laptop is from the Historical Society so there will be no charge for disposal.

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Donation of photos / Artifacts & Visit to P.S. Museum (Barbara Swasey-Keir): Bill Landry reported he is waiting for Barbara to get back to him on when she can visit.

2015 Newton Annual Town Report: Bill Landry reported he provided the Town with the picture and write-up of the Society used in the Town Report.

New Business:

Annual Dues are due for non-Life Members: Bill Landry reminded the members that dues are due for non-Life members.

Girl Scouts of Green/White Mountains visit to Primary School Museum (Ceara Hunt): Bill Landry received a request over the winter from the Girl Scout troop for a visit to the Primary School Museum. He is waiting to hear back from her to schedule the visit.

Repair to cellar bulkhead & sawdust issues at the Marshall House: Bill Landry was asked by Mary Winglass to take a look at the cellar bulkhead. Bill talked to Jim Ryan, a local contractor, to look at the cellar bulkhead to prevent rodents from getting in and give the Selectman an estimate for the repair. Pest-End noticed more sawdust on the landing to the cellar. The Town is responsible for the costs of maintaining the buildings and grounds on the Marshall property.

Meeting Times: Marilyn Landry asked if the meetings could begin at 6:30 PM instead of 7:00 PM. She reviewed our discussion of last year on this issue. Marilyn Landry made a motion to change the start time of our monthly meeting to 6:30PM. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. Bill Landry will inform the Sargent Woods Community Center Coordinator of the change in time.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Barn electrical project – Ron Saunders reported he had a list of supplies needed to complete the project. He asked if Bill had installed GIF receptacles. Bill said he had not installed any receptacles. There was discussion on whether to use GIF circuit breakers or receptacles. Ron will pick up the items to complete the project.

Repair of carriage seats – Ron Saunders reported that Dwight Lowe is not well and may not be able to repair the seats. Bill Landry will reach out to Ann Miles to see if she knows of someone who does this kind of work.

Christmas tree lights -- Ron Saunders reported he has removed the lights as far up as he could reach. Mike Hughes mentioned that Tim Hajjar has a bucket truck. Bill Landry will contact Tim to see if he can help us get the rest of the lights off the tree.

Mary Riordan gave Ron & Cheryl Saunders some items that had been found in the Library.

Historian: No report

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Archivist: Karen O'Malley has some papers about the dissolution of MA banks for Ron & Cheryl to review. She doesn't think they have anything to do with Newton. Cheryl agreed they should be disposed of. Karen reported she has put the pictures in sleeves and binders and they have been accessioned. Karen asked Ron & Cheryl to look at the scrapbooks in the bureau in the front hall of the Marshall House. She questioned if we want to leave them there. Ron & Cheryl will go look at them and get back to her.

Programs: Sally Woodman reminded the members our first presentation "Wacky songs that make you laugh" is on Wednesday April 13th 7:00PM at the Town Hall. We also have a presentation "Liberty is our Motto" scheduled for Sept. 21st. Sally asked if we wanted to get Roxie back during the summer. Bill Landry asked Sally to contact Roxie about her availability in late July, early August for the next meeting.

Sally will bring a list of possible NHHC presentations for 2017 to the next meeting for discussion. It was noted that the Library is having an event at the same time as our next presentation. In the future, Bill will inform the Library of the dates of our events to prevent scheduling conflicts.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported the traffic on our site had slowed since December. She noted that was to be expected because the content was unchanged. Bill Landry will send Mary the 2015 Retrospective document for the web site. Mary suggested we contact Robert Dezmelyk about transferring the domain name registration to the Society. Both the name registration and the web site hosting come up for renewal in 2017. Having both under the Society will simplify the renewals and maintenance of the web site. Mary will contact Robert about this issue.

Correspondence:

Donation from Exeter Area General Federation of Women's Clubs: Bill Landry sent information about our Society as requested. This Club makes donations to non-profit organizations in the area. They indicated to Bill they were interested in supporting our Society.

Other:

Fall Festival – Sat. Oct 22, 4:30 to 6:30 PM: John Meserve has booked the North Shore Savings Bank, Newton branch for our Fall Festival on Saturday October 22nd 4:30 to 6:30PM.

Next Meeting: Monday May 9, 2016, **6:30 PM** at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary