

# Newton Historical Society

Minutes of August 8, 2016  
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	John Meserve
	Kathy Meserve	Diane Morin	Roger Hamel	Jane Hamel
	Ron Saunders			

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

## Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Kathy Meserve made a motion to accept the minutes of July 11, 2016. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from program donations and interest. Expenses were for the electric bill and Association of Historical Societies of NH dues. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for Roxie Zwicker presentation and Newton Food Pantry donation. Diane Morin made a motion to accept the July 31, 2016 Treasurers' Reports. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## Old Business:

**Fall Festival – Sat. Oct 22, 4:30 to 6:30:** John Meserve reported the "Gift Handout" committee decided to go with a pen. He showed a sample pen. He will order 150 pens through Gary Folsom. John will get a proof of the posters and tickets this week. He should have the posters and tickets by the end of the month. He contacted the lady who has done our press releases in the past. He asked her for two press releases, one to announce the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event looking for corporate sponsors and the second just to announce it.

**Update on repair of Hayford Carriage seats:** Bill Landry and Ron Saunders met with Matthias Gotswald. Mr. Gotswald quoted the project at \$250/seat plus \$450 for new leather. Only the bottom of the seats need repair. He will also clean up the seat backs. Karen O'Malley made a motion to accept Mr. Gotswald quote of \$1,200 for the project. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. Karen O'Malley requested Bill ask Mr. Gotswald how to cover the seats to protect them.

## New Business:

**Donations from non-NHHC presentations:** Bill Landry explained the cost of non-NHHC presentations is substantial, whereas there is no grant money from NHHC, and asked if we should retain the donations received during the presentations to defray the costs. Karen O'Malley made a motion that all donations during non-NHHC presentations be kept by the Society. Jane Hamel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

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## **Curators:**

**Barn electrical project:** Ron Saunders reported no progress.

**Barbara Swasey artifacts donations:** Ron Saunders gave Bill Landry the items not related to Newton. Ron will look at the clothing and a quilt. Ron will fill out a Deed of Gifts form for the items we are keeping and give it to Bill. Bill will contact Barbara Swasey to return the other items and sign the Deed of Gifts form. Karen O'Malley will accession the items as the "Burbeck Collection". Bill suggested displaying these items at the Fall Festival. Ron also had some pictures from Sue Mears and Myrtle Rogers. He will fill out Deed of Gifts for these and give them to Karen O'Malley.

**Removal of Christmas lights from tree at the Schoolhouse:** We will leave the lights on the tree.

**Historian:** Roger Hamel reported he received a request from Heidi of Oregon for information. She is the granddaughter of James Lorenz who was the Pastor of the First Christian Church from 1930 – 1935. He sent the write-up from the 250<sup>th</sup> booklet and some photos.

**Archivist:** Karen O'Malley reported she has completed accessioning all the known items. There are around 135 items that say they are located in the Schoolhouse that she and Barb DiBartolomeo will find and update with a more specific location. Once that is complete Karen will print a list of our items so when items are remove they can be found quickly and returned to the correct location. There are approximately 1,100 accession numbers, many of which have multiple items in them. Karen suggested looking at office supplies to find partitions on which to display items. Kathy Meserve will check with Terri Caswell about where to get moveable partitions. Bill Landry will ask his friend Mr. DeStefano about dividers.

## **Programs:**

**Review "Haunted Portsmouth" presentation July 20:** Diane Morin reported the presentation went very well. We had close to 60 people and collected \$50 of donations.

**Next Presentation – Liberty is our Motto – 9/21/16:** This presentation is all set.

**Update on 2017 Programs – Covered Bridges in NH April 19, 2017:** Diane Morin reported we have confirmed this event with the presenter. We cannot send the application to the NHHC until November. Bill noted we sent NHHC a check for two presentations. Diane reported NHHC sent the check back to Sally. Sally will hang on to the check and send it with the application in November.

**Family Fun & Folk Music – Nov. 9, 2017:** This presentation is cancelled. NHHC is issuing a new catalogue of presentations in September or October. Sally will review the list and see what's new.

**Web Site Status:** Mary Riordan reported the visitors to the web site increased in July. Ron Saunders suggested putting pictures of the seat restoration on the site. Bill Landry will take pictures and give them to Mary to be put under Projects. She is working with Robert Dezmelyk to transfer the domain name registration.

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**Correspondence:** None

**Other:** None

**Next Meeting:** Monday September 12, 2017, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary