

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of June 13, 2016
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the minutes of May 9, 2016. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The May 31, 2015 account balances were:

The Checking income was from interest and dues. Expenses were for the electric bill, supplies and NHHS Digitizing Workshop. The Money Market income was from interest. Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the May 31, 2015 Treasurers' Reports. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Museum visit by Newton Girl Scouts of Junior Troop 10040:

Bill Landry, Karen O'Malley, Barb DeBartolomeo, & Roger Hamel acted as guides. The Girl Scouts had a good time and were very respectful of the artifacts. Pictures of the visit are posted on our web site.

Repairs at Marshall House:

Bill Landry reported the Jim Ryan has volunteered to work on the project. The project is still in progress.

Photos & inventory list of Marshall House contents for new town insurer:

Bill Landry reported he gave photos of the Marshall House rooms and the inventory list Karen O'Malley printed from our accessioning software to the Town. Town Administrator Nancy Wrigley was very appreciative of the data.

New Business: None

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators:

Barn electrical project – Ron Saunders reported nothing has been done.

Repair of carriage seats – Bill Landry reported he received an email from Ann Miles indicating she'd get back to him with names of people who do this work.

Barbara Swasey artifacts donations -- Ron Saunders reported they are still working on them.

Curators: (Cont.)

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Removal of Christmas lights from tree at the Schoolhouse – John Meserve sent Todd Fitzgerald a text about removing the lights.

Historian:

Research requests (Rowe & Uzdiyem) – Bill Landry received an inquiry from Aykut Uzdiyem in Istanbul Turkey asking when electricity came to Newton. Bill forwarded the request to Roger Hamel who reported he sent information from the Rockingham deeds and replied to him that Exeter-Hampton Electric was in Newton around 1913. Roger also replied to a request from Peter Diodati with information on the Rowe property. That information came from the Rockingham Registry of Deeds. The information on electrification of Newton came from other sources.

Archivist:

Karen O'Malley reported they have finished accessioning the Marshall House.

Karen O'Malley reported on the NH Historical Society Digitizing Workshop she and Barb DiBartolomeo attended. Their take-away from the workshop was that we are doing what we should be doing. Karen noted we might want to consider taking the Swasey negatives to someone to be digitized. She noted that some forms of file storage like CDs and DVDs may become obsolete over time. Cloud storage is a long-term solution. She suggested we keep multiple copies of our data. She has 2 copies and will give Mary Riordan a 3rd copy. The NH Historical Society has a project to allow multiple societies to put information where it can be shared. John Meserve asked what the negative of participating is. Karen O'Malley feels there is no down-side.

Programs:

Roxie Zwicker program "Haunted Portsmouth" will be on Wednesday July 20, 2016
Liberty is our Motto will be on Wednesday September 21, 2016.

2017 Programs -- Covered Bridges in NH will be on Wednesday April 19, 2017 and Family Fun & Folk Music will be on Wednesday November 9, 2017. All programs will be at the Newton Town Hall.

Web Site Status:

Mary Riordan reported there was an increase in unique visitors to our site. She received a response from Robert Dezmelyk that he would be happy to transfer the domain registration to us. He will find out what has to be done. She will check with GoDaddy on how to do this. Mary suggested upgrading the laptop to Windows 10 this month. She will coordinate with Karen O'Malley on doing this.

Correspondence:

Mr. Darer – Plaque for his home built in 1875 – Bill Landry received an email from Mr. Darer who is buying a home in Newton. He asked about getting a plaque. Bill replied neither we nor the town provide these plaques. Bill directed him to the National Park Service.

Jackson Homestead Inquiry – Bill Landry received an inquiry about arranging a visit to the Jackson Homestead. He replied that they have confused us with the city of Newton, MA, which has a Jackson Homestead.

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Other:

Society Logo -- Bill Landry passed out sample logos for discussion. Karen O'Malley suggested using one with "Est. 1971". Ron Saunders mentioned Keystone Specialties makes trinkets. John Meserve mentioned Gary Folsom had made some coasters for the Bank. John suggested taking a sample to these people to see what style looks best on different items. Bill will change the picture frame in #2 and send John #2 and #6. John Meserve will send them to Gary Folsom. Ron suggested looking at keystonespecialties.com to see what items are available and at what cost.

Fall Festival – Sat. Oct 22, 4:30 to 6:30 PM – Do something special?? -- John Meserve reported the planning is on-going.

Next Meeting: Monday July 11, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary