

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of May 9, 2016
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Diane Morin	Karen O'Malley	Ron Saunders
	Sally Woodman	Mike Hughes	Marilyn Landry	Barb DiBartolomeo
	John Meserve	Roger Hamel	Jane Hamel	Mary Riordan 7:00PM
	Mim Burbridge	Fred Burbridge	Cheryl Saunders	

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the minutes of April 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 interest, presentation donations and dues. Expenses were for the electric bill, presentation and Newton Food Pantry. The Money Market income was from interest. Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the April 30, 2016 Treasurers' Reports. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Annual Dues are due for non-Life Members: Bill Landry reminded members annual dues for non-life members are now due.

Visit to P.S. Museum & Artifact donations (Barbara Swasey-Keir): Bill Landry reported Brenda Flanders and Barbara Swasey-Keir dropped off several boxes of artifacts for the society to go through. They will be donating the items the society wishes to keep. Anything not wanted by the society they requested to let them know. They have more items to donate as well.

Repair to cellar bulkhead & sawdust issues at the Marshall House: Bill Landry reported there's a rodent problem at the Marshall house. They are getting in through the cellar bulkhead door. Bill contacted Jim Ryan who has volunteered his time to repair the bulkhead. The town will cover the cost of materials whereas the town owns the property. Bill noted that the sawdust seen in the cellar is not sawdust but box that has chewed by rodents. He removed the box and has not seen further evidence of a problem.

Museum visit by Girl Scouts of the Green & White Mountains May 20: Bill Landry reported The Girl Scouts will be visiting the museums on May 20th between 6-8pm. They are working on their "Playing the Past" badge. They will use the visit to research the way people lived, dress and worked. Bill asked the town building inspector to inspect the Marshall house, particularly the second floor stairs for safety. The findings will determine whether or not the girl scouts will be allowed in the building.

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New Business:

Sandy Williams re: Contra Dancing program: A Newton resident approached Bill Landry after the presentation in April about Contra dancing. Bill has requested she provide details of what would be needed. He is still waiting for the information.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Ron Saunders reported no update on the electrical needs. They are still waiting on Ann Miles to get back to them on other people who can repair the seats on the carriages.

Historian: Roger Hamel will look over the requirements for the Girl Scout visit to see if there's anything special we should point out to the girls.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported a thumb drive with pictures of all the items in the museum will be given to the Town Hall for insurance purposes with accompanying photos of each room.

Karen went through the Marshall house finishing up the accessioning. There is still more that needs to be done. Karen and Barbara will continue to work on it.

Karen will drop off an old map of the town to Cheryl to see how best to preserve it.
Karen will create a master list of where items are located in the museum.

Programs: Sally Woodman reviewed the last presentation; Wacky Songs that made us laugh. All were positive responses to the survey.

July 20th Roxie will once again be presenting. The topic is Haunted Portsmouth.
September 21st will be the third presentation, Liberty is our Motto.

Sally presented 5 different possibilities for 2017 presentations. After some discussion the following were chosen

- 1) Family Fun and Folk Music
- 2) Covered Bridges of NH

The following are backups in case the above are not available

- 1) Contra Dancing
- 2) Songs of NH

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan will ask Robert Dezmelyk to transfer ownership of the newtonhistoricalsociety.org name to the Society. The number of new visitors to the web site is down. There was a discussion on how to get more views. One possibility is to put the presentation of Newton NH on the site.

Correspondence: None

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Other:

Removal of Christmas lights from tree at the Schoolhouse: The society was looking for someone with bucket truck to help remove the lights. John contacted Todd Fitzgerald who will provide a bucket lift so Ron can remove the last of the lights.

Fall Festival – Sat. Oct. 22, 4:30 to 6:30PM

10th Fall Festival & 45 yr. Society anniversaries – Do something special???:

The festival will be held at the North Shore Bank on October 22, 4:30-6:30pm. This will be the 10th anniversary of the festival. It is also the 45th year the society has been in existence. Bill suggested we do something special. After some discussion, it was decided to have favors create and handed out to those attending. John will ask one of the sponsors about creating the favors.

After further discussion the logo was decided upon. It will circle with the primary school house in the middle. On the edge of the circle will be Newton NH. On the bottom will be Historical Society. On the sides the years 1971 – 2016.

Next Meeting: Monday June 13, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Morin

Diane Morin, Acting Secretary