

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of November 14, 2016
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

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

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Diane Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of October 10, 2016. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from Fall Festival tickets, dues, donations, and interest. Expenses were for the electric bill. The Money Market income was from interest and Fall Festival sponsors. Expenses were for a second display divider for the Museum and Fall Festival supplies. Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the October 31, 2016 Treasurers' Reports. Mike Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Fall Festival Review: Kathy Meserve reported we had about 65 people attending. Revenue from sponsors and ticket sales was \$2,645; expenses were \$576.09 for net income of \$2,068.91. Kathy thanked all the members and volunteers who helped make the event a success. Diane Morin received a couple of requests at the event asking if we could have beer next year. Bill Landry said we would look into it. Bill Landry noted that in the 10 years of this event we've raised \$26,609.73 to support our projects. Bill thanked John Meserve, the Merrimac Savings Bank and North Shore Bank for their support. Bill noted Kevin Tierney, North Shore Bank President, said he enjoyed the event, and would continue supporting it.

Historic New England Program Nov. 16: Bill Landry reported he and Diane Morin have setup the Town Hall for recording the event. We will run a slide show of our curtain restoration project. We will have Fire Marshall Zalinski there. Bill informed Police Chief Jewett of the event. John Meserve suggested we carpool and park at the church. Karen O'Malley has offered to put up Chris Hadsell and her sister for the night.

Carriage seat repair: Bill Landry reported he spoke with Matthias Gotswald. Bill is waiting to hear from Mr. Gotswald on when he can do the work.

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New Business:

NH Humanities Council Donation: Bill Landry received a donation form from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. This is the organization that provides us grants for some of our presentations. He noted we made a donation two years ago. Mike Hughes made a motion to make a donation to the NHHC matching our previous donation up to \$100. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Annual Christmas Party: Bill Landry reminded the members our next meeting will also be our Christmas party. Cheryl Saunders made a motion to have our next the meeting on Tuesday Dec. 13. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 12 yea, 1 no vote. We will have our meeting at 6:30. Members should bring their own beverages and we'll get pizza and salad from Chris' Pizza Box. Those who want to participate in the Yankee Swap should bring a \$10 gift.

2017 Election of Officers in Dec.: Bill Landry reminded the members we will be voting for officers at our next meeting. Bill noted that people could be nominated at the next meeting.

Karen O'Malley suggested we do a history on Estabrook's Garage and the Newton Greenhouse. These two businesses have been in town many years. She suggested interviewing the folks at these businesses to get an oral history, pictures and do a write-up to display in the Museum. Karen O'Malley, Sally Woodman, Diane Morin, Mike Hughes and Mary Riordan volunteered for the committee to pursue this.

Diane Morin asked about putting the Christmas lights on the tree. Ron Saunders will bring his extendable pole to put the lights up. Diane Morin, Ron Saunders and whoever is available will meet Sat. Nov 19th at 9AM to put up the lights. Ron will check the lights still on the top of the tree.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators:

Barn electrical project: Ron Saunders reported he ordered the stock for this project. Ron does not have a date at this time for completing the project.

Barbara Swasey-Keir final artifacts donations: Ron Saunders reported he and Cheryl finished going through the Burbeck collection. Cheryl noted there were a lot of pictures with no names so we don't know who they are. Ron filled out a deed of gifts form as best he could and left it in a box with the items we'll keep. They left the items to be returned to Ms. Swasey-Keir on the table.

Pest control at the Marshall House: Bill Landry reported that Jim Ryan has put a metal piece on the bulkhead to cut down on the entry points.

Historian:

Research requests: Roger Hamel received a request from a historian in West Orange, NJ asking if we had any old General Stores in town. He replied that we don't have any in town anymore. He received a request from Kate Michael for information on her house at 18 Gale Village Rd. He sent her information from the 225th Anniversary book he found at the library.

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Archivist:

Schoolhouse display panel: Karen O'Malley reported the second display panel is set up. She and Barb DiBartolomeo put some items on the display. Karen will take the last box of Burbeck items home to accession them.

Ron Saunders' friend Warren Dixon had some cobbler's tools. Ron will look through the items for things we don't have. He will donate the items in the name of his friend. Diane Morin suggested have a cobbler display at the next Fall Festival.

Programs:

2017 presentations: Sally Woodman reported the April 19 – NH Covered Bridges and Sept 6 -- Isles of Shoals are all set. She will talk to the travel club at Sargent Woods and the Recreation Commission about coordinating a trip to the Isles of Shoals before the presentation.

Roger Hamel suggested doing our slide show as the summer presentation.

Sally received information from Calvin Knickerbocker about his presentation "Montgomery Ward & Sears Roebuck, a 100 year war" for \$100. It was decided to do this presentation instead of our slide show for our summer presentation.

Web Site Status:

Mary Riordan reported she is still working with Robert Dezmelyk to transfer the name. She reported we had an increase of 70 visitors to our web site after the Fall Festival pictures were posted.

Correspondence:

Other:

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

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary