

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of October 10, 2016
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	John Meserve
	Sally Woodman	Diane Morin	Marilyn Landry	Kathy Meserve
	Roger Hamel			

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

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

John Meserve made a motion to accept the minutes of September 12, 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. Expenses were for the electric bill, presentation fee and fire extinguisher inspection. The Money Market income was from interest and Fall Festival sponsors. Expenses were for a display divider for the Primary School Museum. Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the September 30, 2016 Treasurers' Reports. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Newton Town Charter Preservation: Bill Landry reported he spoke to Jim Doggett about the project. Jim has the materials and will submit the invoice to Bill when he's finished the project. The Society will get two copies of the Charter.

Fall Festival – Sat. Oct. 22, 4:30 to 6:30 PM: Kathy Meserve reported the article has been in the newspapers and the posters are up. We have the paper goods, plates, plastic silverware and non-alcoholic beverages. We will get the wine next Monday. The wine glasses are reserved. We have 15 door prizes and sponsors have donated \$1950. Marilyn Landry, John Meserve and Mary Riordan will bring tables. John Meserve spoke with Amy at the Bank. She will be there Saturday morning. We should be at the Bank or the Schoolhouse at noon for setup. Amy will open the Bank at 4:00PM on Saturday. Several bank personnel have volunteered to serve the beverages. We will remove as much as possible Saturday after the event and get the artifacts on Monday morning between 8 & 9 AM. Cheryl Saunders will provide a cheese platter and deviled eggs. Marilyn Landry will provide chicken nuggets. Sally Woodman will provide little sandwiches. Kathy Meserve will give Bill a description of each wine. Diane Morin will bring a basket for the pens. Kathy received a phone call from a gentleman in an acoustic band who offered to play at the event. She will call him back and explain that there isn't enough room for a band.

New Business:

Eagle Tribune Interview: Bill Landry reported he and Karen O'Malley met with Nicholas Golden who asked for an interview on the Fall Festival. Nicholas is a freelance writer. He is trying to get the story in the Lawrence Eagle Tribune.

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Liability Insurance for use of Town Hall: Bill Landry received a request from the Town's insurance company for a general liability insurance naming the Town. This is to cover any issues when we use the Town Hall for events. Bill contacted Foy Insurance to see if we have this coverage. This is included in our insurance on the Schoolhouse. Foy Insurance will send Bill the rider of insurance which he will forward to the Town.

Historic New England Program Nov. 16: Bill Landry reviewed the request from Chris Hadsell to use the Town Hall for their award presentation. He has been in contact with Lorna Condon of Historic New England. This event is by invitation only. Captain Zelenski of the Fire Department will attend as Fire Marshall so capacity is not an issue. Bill will go to the Selectmen to verify they can serve wine at the event. Diane said she can tape the event. Bill will have more information as it gets closer.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators:

Barn electrical project – No update

Barbara Swasey-Keir final artifacts donations – We received the last of the Burbeck collection. Ron Saunders will review the boxes and do a deed of gifts.

Historian: Bill Landry received an email from John Neveux about the grist mill off of Chonger Drive. John didn't know anything about the mill but described the dams and stone channel that remain. The dam is on Gus Lock's brook. Roger Hamel could not find any information on the grist mill. Bill forwarded the information to Mike Hughes.

Roger received a request from Sharon Berke of CA asking who Maude Emery is. Sharon included a postcard that was sent from Hookset NH to Maude Emery of Newton Junction, NH. It was postmarked August 20, 1948. Roger found Maude Emma Dyes was born in MA on Feb. 11, 1895. Both Georgetown and Haverhill list her in their Birth Registry but with slightly different information. She married Grandville Emery in late 1917 or early 1918. She owned a home at 8 Whittier St. from Aug. 1920 to Oct. 1972. Maude, her husband and father are buried in the Highland Cemetery. Roger reported he attended an Atkinson Historical Society presentation called "Poor houses and Town Farms". He noted it was very interesting. He wondered if Newton had one.

Archivist:

Karen O'Malley reported she is done with the Burbeck collection except for the new items Bill received recently.

Schoolhouse display panel – Karen O'Malley reported the display panel is set up in the Schoolhouse and it is decorated with Hayford carriage, ice house and Carterville band items. Karen and Barb DiBartolomeo got out items to be displayed during the Fall Festival. Bill Landry has 3 poster boards showing pictures from the schoolhouse renovation, porch repair and Marshall House barn repair projects. Barb DiBartolomeo gave Karen a picture display that Karen will fill for the Fall Festival.

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Programs:

Review Final Presentation – Liberty is our Motto – 9/21/16 – The presenter was very good. We had a disappointingly small turnout.

2017 presentations – Sally Woodman read some descriptions of presentations. She will give Bill descriptions of 4 possible presentations for next year. April 19 – NH Covered Bridges is already scheduled.

John Meserve suggested working with the Rec commission to co-ordinate a “Treasures from the Isles of Shoals” presentation and a trip to the Isle of Shoals. Bill Landry made a motion to have Sally book the NHHHC “Treasures from the Isles of Shoals” presentation for next fall. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. Bill will send out information on Calvin Knickerbocker presentations for the members to review.

Web Site:

Mary Riordan reported we had slightly more people visiting our web site.
Domain change – She is still working with Robert Dezmelyk to transfer the name.

Correspondence: None

Other: None

Next Meeting: Monday November 14, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary