

# Newton Historical Society

Minutes of September 12, 2016  
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Kathy Meserve
	John Meserve	Mike Hughes	Marilyn Landry	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Jane Hamel	Roger Hamel		

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

## Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the minutes of August 8, 2016. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from NHC program grant and interest. Expenses were for the electric bill. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for postage, Dingo Creative - posters and tickets for the Fall Festival and Folsom Promotions – pens for the Fall Festival. Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the August 30, 2016 Treasurers' Reports. Mike Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## Old Business:

**Fall Festival Sat. Oct 22, 4:30 to 6:30 PM:** Kathy Meserve gave Marilyn Landry and Bill Landry posters to put up. Bill Landry has printed the tickets. John Meserve sent out the sponsor letters last week. Kathy Meserve is working on the paper goods, wine glasses and choosing the wine. There was discussion on the food. Marilyn will donate the chicken again. Cheryl will donate a cheese and cracker platter & deviled eggs. John has spoken with Amy about letting us into the Bank to set up. He thinks we will set up at 12:00 when the bank closes. We may have to remove our displays on Monday morning. John Meserve will work with Bill Landry to get the press releases out. There was discussion on what to display this year and running the ice house and Hayford sections from the school PowerPoint presentation. Karen suggested the stencils of houses in town. John Meserve will find out which the North Shore Bank executive is coming and if he wants to be formally introduced. We'll use the same 4 tables used last year. Mike Hughes suggested a Carterville Band display. We'll get the usual door prizes.

**Newton 1749 Charter conservation:** Bill Landry sent an email to the Executive Board and got approval for a \$200 maximum expenditure for this project. It is expected the cost will be less than the \$200.00 approved amount. Bill is waiting for Jim Doggett to get back to him with details and timing.

## New Business: None

## Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

**Curators:** No update on the Barn electrical project. Bill Landry will meet with Barbara Swasey-Keir on Sept. 26 to return items, have her sign the Deed of Gifts form and get more items from her. Bill has not yet heard from Matthias Gotswald about when he can restore the seats.

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**Historian:** Roger Hamel received 2 requests for information on 2 Whittier St. He could not find anything particularly historic about the property. Bill Landry gave Roger a postcard he received from a woman in California that was originally addressed to Maude Emery in Newton to research. Mike Hughes asked Roger where to find information on the remnants of an old dam located near the Peanut Trail off Whittier St. Bill thought John Neveau new something about it. Bill will contact him.

**Archivist:** Karen O'Malley recommended purchasing a bamboo display panel that can hang pictures and have shelves for displays for \$150. This display would replace the table in the middle of the schoolhouse. Mary Riordan made a motion to authorize Karen to purchase the bamboo display panels for approximately \$150. Jane Hamel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. Karen noted there are a few Deed of Gift forms waiting to be signed. Karen has a few more items to be returned to Barbara Swasey-Keir. Karen will make a list of our items containing the location of each item.

**Programs:** Our final presentation of 2016, Liberty is our Motto, is Sept. 21 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. Bill Landry has put the posters up. Our first presentation of 2017, NH Covered Bridges, is April 19 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. The fall presentation is to be determined.

**Web Site Status:** Mary Riordan has not heard from Robert Dezmelyk on when he will transfer the domain name. She will ask him tomorrow at the polls. She reported there was a slight increase in web site activity in August.

**Correspondence:** None

**Other:** Bill Landry received a message from Chris Hadsell, the director of Curtains without Borders. She is getting an award from the Society of New England Antiquities and they would like to present her the award in the Newton Town Hall. Bill will discuss this further with Chris Hadsell.

Mary Riordan asked Karen O'Malley if she could dispose of the old laptop. Karen said the new one is working find and it was ok to get rid of it.

**Next Meeting:** Monday October 10, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary