

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of April 10, 2017
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Bill Landry welcomed new member Dave Simpson.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Diane Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of December 13, 2016. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The December 31, 2016:

The Checking income was from interest. Expenses were for the electric bill. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for Barn electric supplies, Christmas Party and Newton Food Pantry donation. Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the December 31, 2016 Treasurers' Report. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

The January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 account balances were:

The Checking income was from interest and donation from ITW. Expenses were for the electric bill. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were NH Historical Society dues and State of NH Annual Financial Report. Diane Morin made a motion to accept the January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 Treasurers' Report. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

NH Humanities Council Donation: Bill Landry reported he received another request for a donation. Whereas we already made a \$100.00 donation, we passed on this request.

New Business:

Filing of Federal, State and local reports: Bill Landry reported he has filed the IRS Tax Form 990-N, NH Dept. of Justice Annual Report, Town of Newton Real Estate Exemption report & Charitable Org. Financial report and Kathy Meserve has completed the Internal Audit.

Dues: Bill Landry reminded the members, if you are not a life member dues are now due. Individual annual dues are \$5, Family annual dues are \$15, and lifetime member dues are \$35.

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Other:

2016 Retrospective put on web site: Mary Riordan put the 2016 Retrospective on the web site.

Chris Hadsell book: Bill Landry received a copy of Chris Hadsell's *Suspended Worlds* book from Historic New England. Bill gave the book to Karen O'Malley to be accessioned. He suggested putting it in the Town Hall next to our curtains. Marilyn Landry suggested putting it in the library. Kathy Meserve will contact Terry Caswell about loaning it to the library.

Fall Festival: John Meserve reported he and Kathy cannot do the Fall Festival on the October 21st. He asked if we could do it a week before on October 14th or after on October 28th. Karen suggested the 14th which might be better weather wise. We will determine the date as we get closer to it.

Back-up of society computer files on hard drive: Bill Landry gave Karen O'Malley a USB drive containing a backup of his Historical Society files since 2007. Karen will put the files on the external backup hard drive. The "President's File" will be updated on the hard drive each year.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: No Report

Historian: Roger Hamel reported he received the following requests:
Linda Madora on 41 Highland Ave-- he could not find anything significant about that address,
Richard Cook from NH Fish & Game on Aspen Hill Rd -- he could not find any reference to that road.
Patricia McLaughlin on the Peanut Trail – he will put something together for her.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported the Estabrook Garage slide show was completed and review by the Estabrooks. Bill Landry added it to our master slide show.

Karen plans to interview the McElroys of Newton Greenhouse on Weds. April 26th at 7PM in the Town Hall. Diane Morin will confirm the Town Hall is available. The McElroys suggested we should also interview the owners of Nicole Farm.

Karen reported everything has been accessioned. She printed a list of all items and their location that will be kept at the Primary Schoolhouse. Bill Landry noted it was a tremendous accomplishment getting all our items accessioned. Karen noted that Irene Nally began the project with help from Mary Marshall and Mary Riordan and she and Barb DiBartolomeo continued the effort.

Programs:

NH Covered Bridges – April 19th at 7PM in the Town Hall. Kathy Meserve will fill in for Bill at the presentation. Bill will set up the Town Hall on Wednesday morning.

Sears, Roebuck & Montgomery Ward: The 100 year War -- June 7th at 7 PM in the Town Hall
Isle of Shoals – September 6th at 7PM in the Town Hall. John Meserve gave the members information on a couple of boat trips to the Isle. One from Portsmouth is \$32 but the schedule was limited, one from Rye is a smaller boat holding only 21 people, one from Portsmouth Harbor Cruise has a larger schedule and boat is \$22. We will make a decision at the next meeting.

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Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported the visits to our web site peaked at 204 after the Fall Festival pictures were posted. Since then we've returned to average of 125. She reported the Domain Name Transfer from Robert Dezmelyk has been completed. She explained the options for renewing the name and hosting site of \$382.71 for 5 year renewal. Roger Hamel suggested getting enough space for the next 5 years. Mary will purge files as she has in prior years. She will find out the cost for more storage space. There was discussion on how to put our master slide show on the site. Bill will send Mary the size of the file. John Meserve made a motion to authorize the Executive committee to make a decision on the renewal before the next meeting. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Correspondence: None

New member Dave Simpson gave Bill his contact information and gave some background on himself. He and his wife recently bought the Whispering Pine campground on Country Pond. He is a master carpenter and network engineering and has long been interested in history. He extended an invitation to the members to come to the campground. He appreciated our warm welcome and looks forward to working with the Society.

Next Meeting: Monday May 8, 2017, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary