

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of December 13, 2017
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

Kathy Meserve called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Diane Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of November 13, 2017 as written. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Meserve

The Checking expenses were for the electric bill and PO Box rental. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for rodent control supplies and annual Schoolhouse insurance. Diane Morin made a motion to accept the November 30, 2017 Treasurers' Reports. Mike Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Election of Officers: The slate of officers nominated for 2018:

President – Bill Landry, Vice President – Kathy Meserve, Secretary – Mary Riordan, Treasurer – Bill Landry, Executive Board – Ron Saunders and Barbara DiBartolomeo, Curators – Ron & Cheryl Saunders, Historian – Roger Hamel, Archivist – Karen O'Malley, Programs – Sally Woodman, Web Site – Mary Riordan. Diane Morin made a motion authorizing the Secretary to cast one vote for the slate of officers. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. Secretary Mary Riordan cast one vote in favor of the slate of officers.

Old Business:

Update on the schoolhouse rodent situation: John Meserve reported he and Diane Morin spread Tomcat cubes inside and outside the Primary Schoolhouse.

Gale Library railings: Dave Simpson reported he, Steve Healy and Bill Landry completed the railing replacement on the front walk of the Library. Their work saved the town an estimated \$1,500.

New Business:

\$100 Annual Christmas donation to Food Pantry (10 - \$10.00 Market Basket Gift Cards)

Karen O'Malley made a motion to donate 10 \$10 Market Basket Gift Cards to the Newton Food Pantry. Sally Woodman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Other: Kathy Meserve reported we have two new members Richard Otten & Mike Bowzer of Kingston.

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Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Ron Saunders reported he, Mike Hughes and Bill Landry put the Christmas lights on the Schoolhouse tree. Ron thanked Mike Pivero for provided the lift for them to get to the top of the tree.

Historian: Roger Hamel reported he received a request for information on the shoe making industry from a women from UNH who is writing a book about the industry in New Hampshire. He will send information from our slide show.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported she picked up the carriage jacks and accessioned them.

Programs: Sally Woodman reported she has booked Roxie Zwicker for a July presentation. Sally will send Mary the date and subject to put on the web site.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported visits to our web site views more than doubled after the pictures from the Fall Festival were posted.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Monday April 9, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Kathy Meserve adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

After adjournment of the meeting, the members enjoyed the society annual Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary