

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of July 10, 2017
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the minutes of June 12, 2017. Sally Woodman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from donations. Expenses were for the electric bill and the April presentation. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for domain name and web site hosting 5 year renewals. Kathy Meserve made a motion to accept the June 30, 2017 Treasurers' Reports. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Society dissolution statement: Kathy Meserve reported that Bill Landry attended the Library Trustee meeting at which the Trustees agreed to accept our items in the event we dissolve the Society. Bill proposed the following change to our By-Laws Article V:

Provision for Dissolution

The provisions for disposition of the corporate assets of the Newton Historical Society in the event of dissolution of the 501 (c) (3) corporation are:

Upon the dissolution of the Newton Historical Society, all financial assets, artifacts, and properties shall be distributed, as directed in the Articles of Agreement dated March 26, 1973 and signed by the Society incorporators, to the Gale Library of Newton, NH.

Diane Morin made a motion to revise Article 5 of the By-Laws as proposed. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Open museums for Old Home Day Sat. Sept 30: Bill Landry reviewed our decision at last month's meeting to open the museums from 12 -2 PM on Saturday September 30th during Newton Old Home Day. Bill will notify Bob Faghan, the Chairman of the Recreation Commission, of our opening and ask that we be included in any publicity they put out for the day.

Donation of Chris Hadsell book to the Gale Library: Bill Landry will give the book to Terry Caswell at the Library. He will include an information sheet on the book.

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Newton Greenhouse slide show: Bill Landry is working on the slide show from the information received during the interview of Tom & Nora McElroy. Nora provided him identities of people in her photos. This will be a chronology of the business in town.

New Business: *None*

Other: Kathy Meserve informed the members that the Library is having Kevin Gardner speak on Stone Walls of New England at the Library on Weds. Aug 2nd. Kathy will send the information to Bill who will distribute it to his email list.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: No report

Historian: Roger Hamel reported he researched the information received from Gloria Toomis on the 1831 tax collector ledger from Newton. The ledger was authored by Johnson Tucker. Roger found Johnson Tucker was originally from Amesbury and married Abigail Chase. They lived in Newton for about 10 years then moved back to Amesbury. Gloria has indicated she'd like to donate the ledger but is not sure when.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported there have not been any new items donated. She has a couple of items hanging on the wall to check that they are accessioned.

Programs: Sally Woodman reported she is working on programs for 2018. She'll have a list for discussion at the next meeting. The final presentation of 2017 is Weds. Sept 6th 7:00PM at the Town Hall on the Isle of Shoals.

John Meserve gave out information on a trip to the Isle of Shoals on July 28th. The boat boards in Portsmouth at 12:35 and departs at 12:55. Cost for over 60 is \$32. The entire trip is 3 hours 45 minutes. This is a guided walking tour of the island. People must make their own reservations at **islesofshoals.com**

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported the web site visits were about average for June. Bill Landry will send Mary the Estabrook PowerPoint presentation so she can see how it can be put on the web site.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Monday August 14, 2017, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary