

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of June 12, 2017
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	John Meserve	Kathy Meserve
	Sally Woodman	Marilyn Landry	Ron Saunders	Cheryl Saunders
	Roger Hamel			

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the minutes of May 8, 2017. John Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 yeas, 1 abstention.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from life-time dues and donation from Dave Simpson. Expenses were for the electric bill. The Money Market income was from interest. Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the May 31, 2017 Treasurers' Reports. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Society dissolution statement: Kathy Meserve reported she received a copy of our articles of agreement from the State. It is the same as the one that Charlie Melvin had. Terry Knowles from the Department of Justice confirmed the library is qualified to receive our assets in the event the Society was dissolved. Kathy has been talking with the Library Trustees about this. Bill will attend the next Trustees meeting on Wednesday and if they agree we will address changing our by-laws at the next meeting.

Town Charter restoration: Bill Landry sent an email to Jim Doggart on the status. Jim indicated he is about half-way done.

New Business:

Interview with Community Engagement (Dipjar): Bill Landry explained the donation credit card service this company provides. The consensus was this would not be helpful to us.

Other:

Chris Hadsell book: Bill Landry suggested we donate the book to the library. Mary Riordan made a motion to donate the book to the library. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Open the Museums for a day: Bill Landry suggested we open the Museums for a couple of hours, 12-2, on Newton Home Day September 30th. Bill will advise the Recreation Committee.

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Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators:

Barn electrical project: Ron Saunders reported it has been completed.

Christmas tree lights: Ron Saunders removed the lower lights. Dave Simpson removed the upper lights. Roger Hamel asked about the carriage repairs. Bill has not heard from Matthias Gotswald. It was decided not to pursue this \$1,500.00 project at this time, as the carriages are not used nor displayed. The carriages are covered and on jacks to preserve the wheels.

Historian:

Roger Hamel received a request from Mr. Rusic about a Stone Chamber on N. Main St. Roger sent him the name of a web site he found on the subject.

Archivist:

Newton Greenhouse Interview: Bill Landry reported he received information from Karen O'Malley on the interview of the McElroys from the Newton Greenhouse. He has just started the slide show. When he's finished Karen, Mary and Sally will review it, then we'll review it with the McElroys.

Additional Interviews: John Meserve mentioned potential future interviews with Nicol Farm and Chet Bearse and Judy Denno.

Programs:

Review – Sears, Roebuck & Montgomery Ward: The 100 year war: Sally Woodman reported the presentation was very good. We had 27 people attend. Bill noted we received \$11 in donations.

Sept. 6 Isle of Shoals – J Daniel Robinson at the Town Hall 7 PM. John Meserve reported the Isle of Shoals Steamship Co. runs 2 trips Monday, Wednesday & Friday. One trip leaves at 12:55PM, is 3 hours and 45 minutes, and includes a walking tour of the island. The other leaves at 2:25PM, is 2 ½ hours, does not stop at the island. It was suggested to go on Friday July 21st. The consensus was to give members this information and leave it to each member to decide if they wish to attend.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported visits to the web site in May increased slightly since April. She has renewed the domain name and web site hosting for 5 years.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Monday July 10, 2017, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary