

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of May 8, 2017
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

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

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Diane Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of April 10, 2017. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from dues, donations, and the NHHHC grant. Expenses were for the electric bill, the presentation, and the donation to the Newton Food Pantry. The Money Market income was from interest. There were no expenses. Diane Morin made a motion to accept the April 30, 2017 Treasurer's Report. Barb DiBartolomeo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Dues are due for non-Life Members:

New member Dave Simpson paid his lifetime dues and gave a very generous additional \$100.00 donation to the society.

New Business:

Review Society By-Laws statement re: Society Dissolution:

Kathy Meserve distributed copies of the NH Articles of Agreement for the Newton Historical Society, dated March, 1973. A copy of this document had been presented to the Gale Library by Charlie Melvin. Kathy contacted the NH Dept. of State and determined that the Dept of State was also in possession of this document. They will send us a copy of their document. Bill Landry reviewed Article V of our Society Bylaws and expressed his concern about whether or not the Gale Library would qualify as a recipient of Historical Society assets, should the Society dissolve. Kathy will contact Terry Knowles, attorney from the NH Dept of Justice, Charitable Trusts Unit, to determine an answer to our question.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: No report on barn electrical project. Bill will talk to Ron about him, Bill, running the underground cable from the barn to the house, which will leave the electrical connections up to Ron.

Dave Simpson offered to remove the lights from the Christmas tree. He will call Bill beforehand.

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Historian: No report.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley, Sally Woodman, and Mary Riordan interviewed Tom and Nora McElroy regarding the history of the Newton Greenhouse. They have notes and several photographs to share. Bill will start working on putting a slide presentation together.

We discussed other possible subjects for Newton business interviews. John Meserve will speak with Judy (Bearce) Denno regarding the Bearce family business and ask for an introduction to the owners of Nicol Farm, so that Karen O'Malley can interview them.

Programs:

NH Covered Bridges – April 19th ---We had between 25-30 people from 8 towns attending this presentation. It was well-received.

Sears, Roebuck & Montgomery Ward: The 100 year War -- June 7th at 7 PM in the Town Hall
We discussed publicity for this presentation.

Isle of Shoals – September 6th at 7PM in the Town Hall.

John Meserve attempted to contact the Isle of Shoals Steamship Company about a possible tour of the Isle of Shoals, but they were unavailable by phone and do not have a summer 2017 boat schedule posted on the internet at this time. Their fee is \$32.00 per person for seniors and there is off-street parking available. Their trip is about 2 ½ hours for a trip out and back with a guided walking tour.

Web Site Status: No report.

Correspondence: It was suggested that we loan the Chris Hadsell book, *Suspended Worlds*, to the library.

Next Meeting: Monday June 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Meserve

Kathy Meserve, Acting Secretary