

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of April 9, 2018
Sargent Woods Community Center

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

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

John Meserve made a motion to accept the minutes of December 13, 2017. Diane Morin seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The December 31, 2017 account balances were:

The Checking income was from dues. Expenses were for the Oct. & Nov. electric bills and supplies. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for rodent control supplies and Newton Food Pantry donation. Cheryl Saunders made a motion to accept the December 31, 2017 Treasurers' Reports. John Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

The January through March 31, 2018 account balances were:

The Checking income was from dues. Expenses were for the Jan – Mar electric bills. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for NH Historical dues, State of NH financial report filing and supplies. Cheryl Saunders made a motion to accept the March 31, 2018 Treasurers' Reports. John Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Update on schoolhouse rodent problem: Bill Landry reported he has not seen any evidence of rodents since the Tomcat cubes were put down.

New Business:

2018 Dues due for non-life members: Bill Landry reminded the members that dues are due.

New Business: (Cont.)

2017 Annual internal audit completed: Bill Landry reported that Kathy Meserve completed the annual audit and everything was in order.

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Submitted 2017 State & Federal annual reports & IRS tax forms: Bill Landry reported he submitted the required state and federal filings for 2017. He also submitted a request to the NH Attorney General's Office to change our state filing period to every 5 years. This request is based on the size of our organization. He received notice from the Attorney General's Office that our request had been approved so we only have to file every 5 years.

ITW donation: Bill Landry noted we have not yet received the ITW donation for Mary Riordan's time donated to the Society. Mary will check on it.

Other:

Repair of wall hanging at S.W. Community Center: Jane Hamel put a muslin sleeve on the top and bottom of the 250th wall hanging to prevent it from being stretched out.

Damage to door at Marshall House: Bill Landry reported he received a call from Ron Jackson that the front door was off. The police were notified and the building was checked and it appears it was blown off during the storm. Bill notified Nancy Wrigley and it was quickly repaired.

New Life Members Jake & Tina Saunders: Bill Landry reported Jake & Tina Saunders have become life members of the Society. They are the 145th & 146th members since our founding.

Society involvement with Annual Town Reports: Bill Landry reviewed the contributions we've made to the Town's Annual report. We've provided pictures and write-ups for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Annual reports.

Firehouse PowerPoint presentation: Bill Landry thought it would be good to have a slideshow about the new Firehouse. He is working with Chief Alcadinho to get pictures and information beginning with the Town's approval through the completion of the building.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Ron Saunders indicated he would remove the Christmas lights from the tree.

Historian: Roger Hamel received the following requests:

- Kelly M Kilcrease PhD UNH Manchester, looking for information on Newton's shoe industry. He sent her information from the 250th booklet and photos of the cobber shop buildings still in town.
- Miss Waitt, a Century21 realtor, found a sign for Centurion Farm at 57 S. Main St. The realtor asked if we'd be interested in the sign. Roger found the farm was located on the corner of Thornell and S. Main St. Bill replied to the realtor indicating we would be interested in the sign but he has not heard back from her.
- Gary L Rhodes concerning David Whitter around 1800. Roger found some information but it did not match the dates Mr. Rhodes was looking for.

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Historian: (Cont.)

- Chris Wood had a general question on the lumber industry in Newton. There is a sign in the schoolhouse from Chrigstroms' Lumber Mill. Cheryl Saunders noted Emma Ingalls was a Chrigstrom and that she owned the land from S. Main St to the Chricstrom farmhouse at 29 Peaslee Crossing. She thought Bill Ingalls might know something.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported there was nothing new.

Programs: Sally Woodman reviewed our 2018 presentations (7:00PM at the Town Hall):

- New England Lighthouses and the people who ran them -- 4/25
- Stories, Stones & Superstitions -- 7/18
- The Secret of Cellar Holes -- 9/19. She noted this presenter is traveling more than 200 miles round trip. She sent the presenter a note asking if this was too far for her to travel. She has not yet received an answer.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported we had slightly higher website activity Jan. through Mar than we did the previous year. She reviewed the emails from GoDaddy that Bill forwarded to her. There was no action to be taken on them.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Monday May 14, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan

Mary Riordan, Secretary