

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of December 10, 2018
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Sally Woodman	Diane Morin	Ron Saunders	Cheryl Saunders
	John Meserve	Marilyn Landry	Dave Simpson	Cheryl Simpson
	Mike Hughes	Kim Hughes		

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

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

John Meserve made a motion to accept the minutes of November 12, 2018. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from wine sale. Expenses were for the electric bill, PO Box fee and supplies. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for annual Schoolhouse insurance. Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the November 30, 2018 Treasurers' Reports. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

2019 Pentucket Bank calendar photos: Bill Landry reported the Pentucket accepted two of our photos, the Primary Schoolhouse museum, and the Marshall House, for their calendar.

Fall Festival sponsor: John Meserve received \$100 sponsorship from the Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank. He will give the check to Bill Landry.

New Business:

2019 Officer Elections:

The nominees for 2019 officers are: President – William Landry, Vice President – Kathy Meserve, Secretary – Mary Riordan, Treasurer – William Landry.

Mary Riordan indicated she may not make all the 2019 meetings. Diane Morin suggested other members could rotate taking minutes in Mary's absence. Karen O'Malley asked how the minutes are retained. Bill Landry, Mary Riordan, and our external disk drive have copies of the minutes back to 2006.

John Meserve made a motion authorizing the Secretary to cast one vote for the slate of officers. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. Secretary Mary Riordan cast one vote in favor of the slate of officers.

2019 Meeting schedule: Cheryl Saunders made a motion to meet every two months starting with April 2019. Diane Morin seconded the motion. Bill Landry noted we do not have any large projects in the works and this schedule would be sufficient. The motion passes on a unanimous vote.

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Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Ron Saunders reported he, Cheryl Saunders, Sally Woodman and Diane Moring put the Christmas lights on the tree at the Primary Schoolhouse. He indicated it is too difficult getting the lights to the top using an extension pole and we will have to do something different next year like renting a lift. There was discussion on putting the lights on the building instead of the tree. We will address the issue in 2019.

Cheryl Saunders received a picture of the old Wilder's Store building that housed the telegraph and post offices from Donald Richards. His family ran the offices. Donald told Cheryl he would donate the telegraph sign sometime in the future. He has a lot of information on the town; his family has been here for many generations.

Ron Saunders reported he walked around the Marshall House and noticed roofing shingles on the ground. He thought they came from the south side of the roof. Bill will check in the spring with the Town. Ron reiterated the basement window at the Primary Schoolhouse needs repair.

Historian: No report

Archivist: Karen O'Malley had nothing new to report.

Programs: Diane Morin reported everything is set for the April and September 2019 NHHC presentations.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported the number of unique visitors to our website in November was 352. This is larger than usual due to the posting of the Fall Festival photos at the end of October.

Correspondence: None

Other:

Picture frames: Bill Landry informed Karen O'Malley he left some frames in the Schoolhouse that she can use for displays.

NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management 2019 calendar: Bill Landry reported our picture of the advertising curtain from the Town Hall is the October picture.

Next Meeting: Monday April 8, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary