

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of May 14, 2018
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Marilyn Landry	Karen O'Malley	Barb DiBartolomeo
Roger Hamel	Dave Simpson	John Meserve	Kathy Meserve	

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

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the minutes of April 2018. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The April 30, 2018 account balances were:

The Checking income was from dues, presentation donations, and an NHHC Grant. Expenses were for the Unitil electric bill, presentation expense, and Newton Food Pantry donation. The Money Market income was from interest. Kathy Meserve made a motion to accept the April 30, 2018 Treasurers' Report. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

ITW donation: Bill Landry noted we have received the \$200.00 ITW donation for Mary Riordan's time donated to the Society.

Newton 1749 Charter Preservation: Bill Landry spoke with Jim Doggett who informed him that the materials have been purchased he is in the process of preserving it. Copies will be made, with one copy going to the Society. The cost of materials, which the Society offered to pay, will be approximately \$100.00.

Christmas tree lights: John Meserve mentioned the lights were still on the tree at the Primary School Museum. Dave Simpson offered to remove them. Bill Landry suggested Dave contact Curator Ron Saunders before moving forward.

Newton Fire Dept. Slide Show: Bill Landry reported that he is still in the process of creating a slide show about the Fire Dept. that will cover the period from the Village Fire of 1887 through completion of the construction of the new Fire & Rescue Station at 8 Merrimac Rd. He will review the completed show with Chief Alcaindinho & Mike Pivero prior to the Society making it available to the public.

Memorial Day Parade:

Bill Landry advised the Rec. Committee that we would not be putting one of our historic carriages in the parade due their age and fragile condition.

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New Business:

Grange Stage Curtain: Bill Landry stated that the Newton Grange had turned over ownership of their curtain to the town. Bill had a conversation with Jim Doggett regarding installing the curtain on the Town Hall stage with the two current curtains. Bill stated there was room for one more curtain. Jim is in the process of purchasing the materials needed to hang the curtain. Bill offered the assistance of the Society members in installing the curtains. Bill will take photos of the curtain for Karen O'Malley to include in our archives.

2018 Society Fall Festival: John Meserve suggested the date of Sat. Oct. 20th. All agreed. John stated that with him no longer being officially affiliated with the North Shore Bank, it would help our fund raising efforts if any members who are associated with companies that might be viable sponsors, provide contact information so we can send them Sponsorship Letters. This could include local Doctors, Dentists etc. John will contact North Shore Bank management to see if they might have some additional associations that we could send letters to.

.Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: No report from Curators.

Historian: Roger Hamel stated there were no research requests in the past month.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported there was nothing new. Everything is up to date.

Programs:

New England Lighthouses and the people who ran them -- 4/25 – Kathy Meserve stated the program was a success. There were 30 attendees who all seemed to enjoy the program very much. A number of attendees asked questions at the end of the presentation. Donations totaled \$40.00.

Next Programs:

- Stories, Stones & Superstitions -- 7/18
- The Secret of Cellar Holes -- 9/19.

Web Site Status: Web site activity was a little lower than the previous month but still very good. In April there were 160 Unique Visitors, 385 Visits, and 1,692 Hits on the site.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Monday June 11, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Landry – *Acting Secretary*