

# Newton Historical Society

Minutes of October 8, 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	Marilyn Landry		

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

## **Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan**

Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the minutes of September 10, 2018. Barb DiBartolomeo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## **Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry**

The Checking income was from member dues, Fall Festival sponsors, and presentation donations. Expenses were for the electric bill, NHC Presentation, and Food Pantry donation. The Money Market income was from interest, Fall Festival sponsors, and tickets. Kathy Meserve made a motion to accept the September 30, 2018 Treasurers' Reports. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## **Old Business:**

**Fall Festival Status:** John Meserve reported we've received \$2400 in sponsorships and \$200 in ticket sales. He is hopeful we will receive more in the coming weeks. Kathy Meserve reported the wine and mead have been purchased. The glasses have been ordered. Posters are up, posted on Facebook and press release sent to the newspaper. Tickets are available at the Gale Library, Town Clerk's Office and North Shore Bank. The members donating food are: Marilyn Landry – meatballs, Diane Morin & Sally Woodman – kielbasa, Cheryl Saunders – cheese & crackers plate & deviled eggs, Barb DiBartolomeo – cookies, Kathy Meserve – M&Ms & peanuts. Mary Riordan & John Meserve will provide folding tables. Mary will setup a laptop with the pictures from last year. Display items can be put in the back office at the bank on Friday. Setup in the bank Saturday @ 12:15. We can remove the items from the bank Monday morning. Sally & Diane will take the glasses Saturday night and Bill Landry will return them on Sunday. Diane Morin volunteered to take pictures. Kathy Meserve and Bill Landry are coordinating the drawing prizes.

**Scout Troop # 91 Project (Paint Cobbler Shed):** Bill Landry has not heard back from them. We will contact the troop in the spring of 2019.

## **New Business:**

**Village Schoolhouse insurance:** Bill Landry reported he was notified by Foy Insurance that Foremost Insurance is no longer writing these policies. They gave Bill information on moving to the Hartford. Bill completed the forms and is waiting to get the cost.

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## **Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:**

**Curators:** Ron Saunders will take care of removing branches behind the Marshall Barn.

**Historian:** Roger Hamel received requests from: Debbie Vardaro for information on Isaac Eastman who was born 1754 in Newton. He was in the Revolutionary War.

Sally Holmes for information on Chase Cemetery. Bill Landry sent her cemetery records.

Lori Toomas for information on the Chase Family. Bill Landry sent her cemetery records. Her ancestor, Johnson Tucker, was the town tax collector. She has tax records from 1831. She'd like to donate them if we can protect them. Karen O'Malley said we have acid-free sleeves and archival boxes to store them in. Bill will let Lori know.

**Archivist:** Karen O'Malley reported she is trying to print 3x5 info cards to display next to items. She asked if anyone had a printer that could do this. Bill will check Avery products to see if they sell sheets of multiple 3x5 cards. Mary Riordan will check her printers.

**Programs:** Sally Woodman reported the Cellar Holes presentation was well attended and feedback was that it was very interesting. NHHC Programs for next year will be New England Quilts on April 10<sup>th</sup> and Michael Tsongas – Above & Beyond JFK, the American most dangerous spy mission, on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Both will be 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

**Web Site Status:** Mary Riordan reported 196 unique visitors in September. This is average activity over the last 6 months.

**Correspondence:** None

**Other:** None

**Next Meeting:** Monday November 12, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary