

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of April 8, 2019
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	Cheryl Saunders	

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

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Sally Woodman made a motion to accept the minutes of December 10, 2018. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

December 31, 2018

The Checking income was from wine sale, Fall Festival Sponsor, R. Zwicker July presentation check not cashed. Expenses were for the electric bill and CDs for presentations. The Money Market income was from interest. Expenses were for the Christmas party and Food Pantry Christmas donation. Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the December 31, 2018 Treasurers' Reports. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019

The Checking income was from ITW donation. Expenses were for the electric bills and supplies. The Money Market income was from interest. Kathy Meserve made a motion to accept the January through March 31, 2019 Treasurers' Reports. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

2019 Fall Festival potential sponsors from members: John Meserve asked members to send him contact information for vendors they do business with so he can send them a sponsor letter.

Historical photos in 2019 calendars (Seabrook Station & Pentucket Bank: Bill Landry reported we have 1 photo in Seabrook calendar and 2 in the Pentucket Bank calendar.

Association of Historical Societies of NH award: Karen O'Malley asked if we were going to pursue this. Bill Landry responded no, as it was much more involved than we originally thought.

New Business:

2019 Officer Elections: Bill Landry suggested members consider being officers in 2020 to give the current long time officers a break.

Annual Audit: Kathy Meserve reported she audited the books for 2018 and they were fine.

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Annual State reports: Bill Landry reported he filed the annual reports with the State of NH Attorney General. Because we are a small organization he applied to do this report every 5 years. He was informed that the 5 year report must include reports for the previous 5 years. He will create the reports every year and file them together every 5 years. This is a savings of \$75.00 per year.

2019 Fall Festival date: The Fall Festival will be held October 19, 2019.

Other:

Primary Schoolhouse visitors: Bill Landry reported he took Mr. & Mrs. Perreault, who bought the Ingalls house, a tour of the Primary Schoolhouse.

History of the Fire Dept. slide show: Bill Landry reported he has been working on this all winter. His meeting with the Fire Chief to review it was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators:

Marshall House roof: Cheryl Saunders reported Ron thinks the Marshall House roof and Barn roof need to be replaced. Bill Landry will notify the Town as they own the buildings.

Primary Schoolhouse: Cheryl Saunders reported the leaves and branches need to be cleaned out behind the building. Bill Landry will contact D&J about doing this.

John Meserve reported the chimney need repair. Cheryl Saunders will have Ron contact Steve Merritt about the repair and installing a cap.

Schoolhouse window: This is still on the list to do.

Historian: Roger Hamel reported he received several requests.

- Colleen Duffy requested information on a boundary marker in the Richard Sargent WMA. I found that the Coast and Geodetic Survey (CGA) placed boundary markers in Newton in 1886. The CGA is the former name of the National Geodetic Survey.
- Matt Oddy, 114 North Main St., Newton, NH, requested information on a manmade cave behind his property. I provided him with an article "Newton Chambers" by Mary E. Gage and James E. Gage.
- Susan Russell requested information on the marriage and burial on Revolutionary War Soldier Micah Hoyt. I found that Micah was married and buried in Amesbury, MA.
- Eric Huether requested historical information on the property at 57 North Main St. Bill Landry found that the house was build circa 1895. We were not able to find any other historical data of significance.
- Paul Heller requested information Bertrand Taylor (1856-1909). We found the Mr. Taylor lived in Newton, MA not Newton NH.
- Barbara Coito requested information on the history of the house at 6 North Main St. I found that the house was built in 1815. I was also was able to track the ownership of the house from today to 1893.

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Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported Barb DiBartolomeo and she will put the printed cards on the item on display in the Schoolhouse. She has corrected some cards and will work with Mary Riordan to get them reprinted.

Bill Landry reported he received some items and news clippings from Nellie Chrigstrom.

Programs: Sally Woodman reported we have 2 presentations scheduled for 2019. The first on April 10th is on New England Quilts which will be televised. The second on September 25th is Above & Beyond JFK, the American most dangerous spy mission. She will contact Roxie Zwicker about a summer program.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported we had an increase in viewers for January through March.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Monday June 10, 2019, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary