

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of June 10, 2019
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Roger Hamel
	Dave Simpson			
Guests:	Marilyn Stewart	David Koles		

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

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Karen O'Malley made a motion to accept the minutes of April 8, 2019. Roger Hamel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

Bill Landry noted the report covered April and May. The Checking income was from NHHC Presentation grant, April Presentation donations and Sargent Woods Security Deposit reimbursement. Expenses were for the electric bill, NHHS Dues, NHHC Presentation fee, Newton Food Pantry donation and NHHC Annual donation. The Money Market income was from interest. Roger Hamel made a motion to accept the May 31, 2019 Treasurers' Reports. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

2019 Fall Festival potential sponsors from members: No report

History of Fire Dept. Slide Show: Bill Landry reported he completed the abbreviated history of the Fire Department slide show. He sent the slides to Mary Riordan for posting on the web site. Mary indicated she will post them within a week or so.

Marshall House Roof Repair: Bill Landry reported he brought the issue to the Board of Selectman. The Board said there are no funds available for this at this time. They will revisit it in the winter. Dave Simpson asked if it was leaking. Bill replied no it is not.

Leaves at School House: Bill Landry reported that Richard Stevens and Betty Standing raked the leaves away from the School house.

New Business:

Metal Detector search of Marshall House grounds: Bill Landry reported the Board of Selectman approved the request. Rob Hayes and Ed Jenkins have started the search. One item they found is oxen knobs. These were screwed on the oxen's horns to prevent injury to other oxen and man. They are continuing the search. Rob will take photos of the items they find. When they finish, we will create a display of items in the Marshall House.

2019 Dues due: Bill Landry reminded members annual dues are due for those who are not life members.

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Return of Sargent Woods Security Deposit: Bill Landry reported Sargent Woods has changed their policy and have returned our \$50 Security Deposit for using the Community Center for our meetings.

Other:

Mowing of Schoolhouse lawn: Bill Landry noted that Bill Gallant, who lives next to the Schoolhouse, has been mowing the lawn. Bill Landry made a motion to give Bill Gallant a \$100 gift card in appreciation of his years of mowing the Schoolhouse lawn. Karen O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Marshall House Building issues: While Bill Landry as giving Rob Hayes, Ed Jenkins and Ken Jenkins a tour of the Marshall House Rob noted there are windows in need of repair. Rob offered to work with us on the repair. Dave Simpson volunteered for the project. Bill Landry will go to the Board of Selectmen with a cost for fixing the windows at the Marshall House.

Guests Marilyn Stewart and David Koles:

Marilyn Stewart's grandparents, Willard & Edith Paul, originally owned what is now the Nicol farm. Her mother, Mary Jane Paul, grew up on the farm. She showed pictures she had to her family at that time. She is interested in gathering more information about the farm. She has been in contact with Michelle Nicol Fitzgerald, who currently owns the farm. Marilyn will let Karen O'Malley know if we can schedule a meeting to talk about getting information of a presentation on the farm's history. David suggested putting the photo galleries of our projects on the local Cable TV station as MP4s. Bill Landry will contact Diane Morin about this.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Schoolhouse window – No report

Historian: Roger Hamel reported he had one request which turned out to be for Newton, MA.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported she had corrected information for the display cards and gave Mary Riordan the file and laptop. Mary printed the cards and gave the laptop back to Karen.

Programs: Our September program is September 25th -- Above & Beyond JFK, the American most dangerous spy mission. Sally has not heard from Roxie Zwicker about her availability for a summer program.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported the activity on the web site was average for April and May. She noted we had not posted anything new aside from the minutes from April.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Monday August 12, 2019, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary