

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of December 13, 2021
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Ron Saunders	Mary Riordan	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Mark Lavoie	Roger Hamel	Marilyn Landry	
	Diane Morin	Karen O'Malley	Cheryl Saunders	
	Cheryl Simpson	Dave Simpson	Sally Woodman	

Diane Morin called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Secretary's Report – David Simpson

Mary Riordan made a motion to accept the minutes of April 12, 2021. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The checking account was eliminated; the balance was then rolled into the money market account.

Dues: Diane Morin ask that all members remember to stay current with their annual dues which helps the society greatly. Non-lifetime members \$5.00 per year.

Old Business:

Slate of Duties: David Simpson cast 1 vote to keep slate of officers. All are in favor.

New Business:

Website review: Diane Morin spoke of having the next meeting in April of 2022. Mary Riordan brought up that the NHS Website needs to be reviewed and approved by May of 2022.

Carriage Restoration: Diane Morin brought up the restoration of the three carriages that the society currently has stored. Bill Landry had received some estimates and the cost where in the thousands of dollars. David Simpson mentioned fund raising efforts and Mark Lavoie had discussed offering Newton homeowners a non-Historic designation placard as a keepsake to raise funds. Roger Hamel mentioned that we should be getting more estimates so we have an exact idea of cost before fundraising. All agreed that the restorations are important to the history of the community and the society would begin addressing ideas at the April Meeting.

Primary Schoolhouse and Museum Cleaning: Diane Morin mentioned that Tony Romanoski is still willing to do the cleaning at the Primary Schoolhouse and the Museum and that he just needs a vacuum. David and Cheryl Simpson have a Vacuum to donate to the society. Thank you, Tony, for your continued efforts we all appreciate your help.

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Curators: Ron and Cheryl Saunders.

Primary School Museum Damage: Ron and Cheryl Saunders recently discovered a mess and some damage at the Primary school from a type of critter. Ron thinks perhaps squirrels got in through a hole that was discovered. Ron has blocked up the hole. Papers and books were chewed up and the wedding dress as well as other items were destroyed. Bill Landry has since cleaned the museum and Cheryl & Ron Saunders will re inventory to see what items are no longer held and need to be removed from the register. Diane Morin requested we set up a Have-a-Heart trap.

Donation of the Christmas tree: Ron Saunders would like to recognize Dane Deer Ranch for donating a Christmas tree to the society and town for the schoolhouse. Thank you, Dane Norton.

Cobbler Shop Windows: Two of the Cobbler Shop windows have been boarded up. David Simpson and Ron Saunders will assess the windows and make a recommendation at the April meeting.

Trimming: Ron Saunders noticed that there are some branches hanging over and into the side of the schoolhouse. Ron Saunders and David Simpson will work to get the trimming done.

Historian: Roger Hamel.

Griffin: In April we responded to an inquiry from Karen Griffin about the history of 16 Amesbury Rd. (The old Currier Tavern). Ms. Griffin's parents owned the property from 1954 to 1969. Roger Hamel provided some ownership history and info on the old Currier Tavern from the 250th Anniversary Book.

Abromowitz: In May we responded to an inquiry from Kerrin Ambromowitz seeking info on the history of her home at 51 Crane Crossing Road. Roger Hamel provided some property ownership info going back to 1893 when the heirs of Willard H and Anjoline P. Crane sold the property.

Tsekrekas: In June we responded to an inquiry from Tommy Tsekrekas seeking info on Bill Moisan. Bill Landry sent a write-up from the files of the society. Bill Moisan grew up in Newton. He was a Veteran of WWII as well as a professional baseball player (*Chicago Cubs* 1953). Mr. Moisan was a Purple heart recipient and died in 2010.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported that there were 15 items donated to the society this year mostly from the Baptist Church. Bill Landry has a spot to place the items. Diane Morin stated that we had also received three Framed pictures from the Harding's.

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Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported that there were 200 to 300 unique visitors to the Newton N.H. Historical Society website per month.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Monday April 11, 2022, 6:00 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Diane Morin adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

After the meeting the 13 members in attendance enjoyed food, beverages, and a Yankee Swap at our annual Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted,

David Simpson,

Secretary