

**Wilmot Historical Society**  
**Minutes**  
**March 17, 2021**

1:10 PM – President Liz Kirby called the meeting to order via Zoom.

Present: Catherine Stearns, Judy Hauck, Fred Ogmundson, Mary Fanelli, Nola Aldrich, Marc Davis, Lindy Heim. Excused: Julie Morse. Guest: Bill Chaisson.

**Minutes:** February 17, 2021 were accepted as corrected and circulated.

Treasurer's report:

Mascoma: \$5,000

Ledyard: \$ 518.71 checking

\$38,215.76 Money Market (\$21,153.48 bldg. fund and \$1,970.28 Memorial

Fund)

Total assets \$43,734.47

Membership: 113

**Oral History Progress – Judy and Lindy**

- Lindy reported on video progress and audio transcriptions. She has updated a list that was sent around to all. There are three more audio tapes left to transcribe. Kim White is done for this calendar year. She had time in January to do her allotted number of transcripts. Now we need people who know the names of places and names of people to copy edit the documents and then proof them. Fred offered to copy edit as he is pretty familiar with the names and places. Bill and Nola and Marc offered to proof.
- For video interviews, Theresa is finishing the Henry and Annette Stevens video, and she also has Jim Rayno's footage. We have a partial of Judy Rayno that we hope to make part of Jim's finished interviews.
- The Thompsons are up next and Theresa will produce two 20-minute videos from the footage we have. When the weather breaks and Covid lets up, we are hoping to get a little more footage from the Thompsons. Next up for videotaping will be John and Julie Morse and then Tootie Fleury and her brother.
- Mary gave a report on Theresa's proposal for the 2021 videos. Three completed videos at \$1500 each will be \$4500. Mary is in the process of submitting this proposal to the Barnard Foundation with the hope of securing another grant for this year. Lindy moved that we authorize the \$4500 budget for videos for this year. The board was unanimous in their support.

**Boston Post Cane Policy Revisions** – Liz is still working on this. The Andover Beacon is doing a three-part series on Walter Walker's trip across country when he was a young man. Lindy will ask the Beacon for the digital files to put up on our web site.

**Search for New Board Members**

Bill Chaisson, who is a newer member of the community and very interested in Wilmot history, has accepted the invitation to join the board. Bill has both writing and computer background. He recently read through every town report since the first one was published in the 1800s! Judy proposed that we accept him on the board and Lindy seconded. Unanimously approved. Another person mentioned for a potential seat on the board is Anitra Griffin.

### **Reissue of Cap LeVarn's Book – Judy**

Judy has researched thoroughly all avenues for republishing Cap's book *A The Early History of Wilmot*. Echo Communications felt that printing a small number on their presses would be cost prohibitive and suggested that Judy go back to the original printer. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Judy will get the book scanned into a Word document if possible, and we will then hope to have a good idea of what a hardbound run of about 50 will cost. At that point we will go to Mascoma Bank to see if we can get the project funded with a grant. Judy was authorized to spend up to \$250 if necessary to procure digital files to go forward. Photos will be rescanned from originals by Mary.

### **Scrapbook Project – Julie Morse**

This project is on hold until Julie has more free time to pursue. Meanwhile, everyone is asked to clip articles and keep them aside to give to Julie when she is ready to take this on.

### **Acquisitions Committee – Catherine**

Acquisitions meeting was postponed not because of Covid (we've been meeting via zoom) but because Catherine was unable to attend, and it was uncertain if Julie would be there. Al and Catherine haven't been meeting in the History Room because of Covid. They hope to resume in April. Catherine is hoping to meet with the whole committee in April via Zoom.

### **Plan for Memorial Day/Soldiers Monument program – 29 May 2021 at 2 PM - Liz**

Liz read from a copy of her original plans for the birthday celebration from last year and is hoping to be able to follow them for this year. A new idea is to sing one stanza from each of the five military branch anthems. Lindy will ask Elliott and Robbie, the garden club reps who take care of the memorial, to spruce up for the "birthday party." We will have to put in another request to the select board for use of the area that day. Liz will fill out the paperwork. The WHS has liability insurance in case the BOS asks for it.

### **Other Business**

- Liz asked if everyone was ok with meeting in person next time on April 21. Most of us will be completely vaccinated. She would like to meet at the bandstand. Lindy will contact Meghan to let her know we would like to use that area on that date.
- Marc had a couple of questions: 1) Are we aware that Mascoma gives grants for service to the community? When we write the application we should keep this in mind: enhancing usefulness of the book. April 1 is next deadline. Judy will get quote to Mary for application. 2) Ann Davis suggested that WCA and WHS put on programs together about local or NH history. The WHS usually has just three programs a year. We asked Marc to have the WCA propose a particular program that they might choose, and we will consider.
- Lindy asked Fred, while he was on the line, if he would proof the most recent audio transcriptions, and he said "yes."

Motion to Adjourn – 2:22 p.m.

**Next meeting will be on April 21 at 1 p.m. in the bandstand gazebo.**

## ACTION ITEM LIST

- **Fred** offered to edit the recent audio tapes.
- **Bill** and **Nola and Marc** have offered to proof them.
- **Liz** will continue to work on the revision of the Boston Cane Policy.
- **Lindy** will ask the Andover Beacon for the digital files of Walter's trip he made across country after high school in order to put them on our website.
- **Mary** will locate the original photos reproduced in Cap's book and scan them.
- **Judy** will scan the pages of Cap's book into a word document if possible and get a better idea of the cost to reprint the book.
- **Mary** will apply for a grant from Mascoma Bank once we have a more accurate idea of the cost.
- **We** all will continue to hold items for the Wilmot scrapbook for Julie.
- **Al** and **Catherine** will resume the project of cataloging the WHS collection by the end of April.
- **Liz** will send the proposed Memorial Day agenda for us to review and comment on.
- **Lindy** will alert the Garden Club of the date of the upcoming event so that they can prepare the site.
- **Fred** is working on the Memorial Day music agenda.
- **Marc** will obtain more information from Ann regarding the WHS collaborating on a future program with the WCA.

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