

Wilmot Historical Society
Meeting
March 23, 2017
Town Offices 1:06 PM –2:30 PM

Present: Marc Davis, Mary Fanelli, Judy Hauck, Nancy Bates, Liz Kirby, Nola Aldrich, Sue Finney

Secretary's report

Approved

Treasurer's report

Checking Account:	\$14,780.11
Memorial Fund:	\$4,446.67
CDs:	Building Fund \$21,058.35
	Working Fund \$10,092.77

Expenses to date: \$4,563.16 (check for \$50.00 to NH Humanities sent but not cashed).

Member Count: 94

Total donations with membership \$2,345

\$60.00 received from sales of Home From the Mountain books

It was noted that the Wilmot town History Committee, which is now inactive, has a trust fund and an active checking account. Its members are Liz Kirby and Fred Ogmundsen. Officers are: Chair, Walter Walker, Treasurer, and Darlene Hoyt.

New Business -

Meeting dates for next quarter will be on Thursdays at 1:30. Thus, the next meetings will be held on April 13 and on June 8 at 1:30. The next Program is on May 7.

Master plan committee: the WHS will be contributing to the Culture, History and Recreation subcommittee and contribute materials to the MPC. Mary has already sent a History of the Town Hall document to all MPC and WHS board members.

Potential new board members: it was determined that there is no need for new Board members at the moment (we currently have 10 members including the Officers), but that we should be welcoming and actively recruiting people to run and serve on WHS Committees. Currently, these are the active committees listed on the website:

- Program
- Oral History – Lindy, Fred, Pat Brown, Nancy
- Preservation/Acquisition
- Curiosity Shop
- Digitizing - Judy, Mary, Nancy

Old Business -

Boston Cane - the Boston Cane Certificate for Ann Davenport is done and the biography is being constructed by Liz Kirby. Marc will present the cane and plaque to Ann Davenport at 9:30 AM on March 31. Liz Kirby and Mary Fanelli will assist.

Schoolhouse video - Judy has attempted to crop the video and save it as an .mp4, but without success. Mary moved that we send the video to Theresa Chamberland. We will also send her still pictures of the various (identified) schoolhouses and a town map with their locations specified to include in the video. There was a motion made to spend \$600.00 for the above editing. The video will then be uploaded to the WHS web site. Motion approved unanimously.

Morey gravestone - Liz reported that Ola Morey's gravestone needs both birth and death dates added (1884 – 1973) at a cost of \$250 for eight characters. It will cost an additional \$200.00 to clean the accumulation of lichen from the stone. The Oral History Committee will get information about, and a photo of, Ola Morey from Liz. Need approval to spend money.

Preservation and Acquisition

U.S. Federal Census, Town of Wilmot - Liz presented copies of the US Federal Census for the years 1920 and 1940. She suggested that we keep these in the History Room to be used for research purposes. Nola followed up by offering to finance the printing of copies of these records and preserving them in plastic sleeves and notebooks. MANY thanks to both Liz and Nola.

Storage form for quilt – Marc has completed and submitted this form as he has the quilt at his home.

Video interviewees list priority - The Oral History Committee will set up an interview with Frank and Pat Baker as soon as possible, and include their daughter Eleanor in the set up. An interview with Esther Grace will be set up for this summer with the help of her son, Ray. Harrison Hunt was suggested as another potential interviewee. It was said that he has “a mind like a trap,” and that the committee should get Loretta Rayno to help contact him and set up the interview. Liz suggested that we move Henry Patten higher on our priority list.

Program

The May 7 program “Yankee Ingenuity” with Jo Radner is booked, and the November program will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

Mary noted that she has sent a link to the newly annotated Attic material to Eleanor Angoff of the Barnard Foundation to be sure that the wording about their funding is acceptable.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Next WHS Meeting Thursday, April 13, at 1:30 P.M.