

**Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Annual Meeting – November 1, 2009**

The Annual Meeting of the Wilmot Historical Society was called to order by President Marc Davis at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 1, 2009, in the Wilmot Public Library. Marc turned the meeting over to Vice-President Lindy Heim to protect his voice.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Morse reported a balance of \$2,629.15 in the checking account and \$20,439.07 in a CD. Receipts from dues for 2008-09 were \$440 and from donations \$1297. Our expenses totaled \$1656.76, leaving just over \$80 as net income.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the report as submitted.

Janet reminded everyone that the money in the CD was raised to be used for a future museum space, not working capital.

Election of Officers:

Slate of officers presented were President Marc Davis; Vice-President Lindy Heim; Secretary Janet Howe; Treasurer Julie Morse. Directors serving for 3 years beginning November 09 are Charles Thompson and Rosanna Dude.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the slate of officers in totality.

Chuck was welcomed as a new member of the Board. Appreciation for Barbara Sanborn's service to the Society through the years was expressed.

Recent **acquisitions** of records from the Free Will Baptist Church were noted, along with working photos from Townsend Howe. Rosanna spoke of how the Society will preserve and display these photos. The painting donated by the Walker family is now hanging in the Historical Room.

Preservation and organization of our collection was once again discussed. Local societies have been generous with their time in offering to help us with this project. Lindy asked if those present would agree to allow the Board to spend up to \$3500 for a computer and software to do this. A grant (Bennington grant?) may be available to help.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to permit the Board to spend up to \$3500 to acquire the necessary equipment for preserving, documenting and making our collection accessible.

Marc reported on the History Book Club. They will meet on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. in the Library to discuss the book *The Natural History of Trees* by Don Cutross Peattie. Sign-up sheets were pointed out for anyone interested in becoming a part of the Book Club or the oral history group or collections/preservation.

Liz Kirby submitted her update on the **Soldiers' Monument** (attached) and stated that planting of the trees, etc., hopefully will take place in the spring. She thanked the Wilmot Garden Club for their work.

Marc invited those present to partake of the refreshments in the Town Hall dining room and view the stage curtain, which he had lowered for the occasion. Program to follow at 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Howe, Secretary

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“Ice Cream and Chicken Livers: Stories from Old Wilmot” was the title of the program presented by Fred Ogmundson to the delight of the 62 people who attended. He told stories of some of his favorite North Wilmot people: Octavia Stearns and Josiah Stearns; Rev. John Martin Luther Babcock, who was a relative of the Walkers and Langleys and among other things “spoke for slaves”; Mildred Sawyer Howard and Rev. Collins’ son and the preacher’s horse. He also told mud season stories, one being about Channing Sawyer being stuck in the mud.

Fred thinks of 1982 as the end of the old ways as three important figures in Wilmot’s history died that year: Channing Sawyer, Octavia Stearns, and Arthur Thompson.

As promised, he told the story of the man who left his wife for 17 years. He also spoke of the phantom railroad on Ragged Mountain, created by Donald Hall, as well as a plan to build a railroad line over Kearsarge.

Fred was warmly applauded for his talk, and some photos he’d brought were enjoyed.