

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting – May 4, 2010

The WHS met at 9:30 in the library with President Marc Davis, Vice-President Lindy Heim, Secretary Janet Howe, Treasurer Julie Morse, and Directors Esther Grace, Nola Aldrich, Fred Ogmundson and Charles Thompson present.

The purpose of the meeting was to respond to the Wilmot Planning Board's (WPB) request for assistance in identifying sites/buildings of historic value to the town as the WPB contemplates creating new or overlay zoning districts. Marc and Lindy attended the WPB meeting of April 19th.

Marc distributed a hand-out with questions the WHS needs to address. Each member in turn was asked for their comments on the situation. Janet: Posted the map from the REPP study of 1998 and suggested that we should take on the project only if we are excited about it and want to update the town's historical resources. Nola: Pointed out the big preservation project we're contemplating and cautioned us about taking on another big project. Chuck: Enlarge the circle of involvement to include the Town History Committee. Suggested we contact the Board of Selectmen (BOS) seeking their support and clarification of authority for the WHS to designate a site/building for preservation. Fred: Traced the history of the History Comm. and questioned whether the WPB would be under any obligation to use the WHS information. Julie: Echoed Nola's point on us having the big preservation project. Lindy: Read from the Master Plan which includes a broad reference to historical preservation and is legally binding. Lindy suggested that if we do the inventory, we do it in neighborhoods.

Decision was made for Marc and Charles to meet with the Board of Selectmen and collaborate on a letter to them. If the BoS supports this effort, we will approach the History Comm. to see if they would be interested in working with us. The plans for the June meeting will depend on the outcome of this meeting.

Other business:

Summer Schedule: Agreed to open the Room from 10-12 on Sat. May 29, again on June 26, then every Sat. during the summer. Janet will cover May 29. Please let her know what dates you can be in the Room. A work session should be held prior to May 29 to ready the Room for visitors.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Howe, Secretary