

## Wilmot Historical Society

### Minutes of Meeting – September 12, 2011

In attendance: Marc Davis President, Lindy Heim Vice President, and Directors Nola Aldrich, Chuck Thompson, Esther Grace and Fred Ogmundson at 10 am at the Wilmot Public Library

**November Annual Meeting and Program** – The WCA has been reserved and the town will work out an exchange (no fee) for our use of the WCA for the annual meeting and program event we've planned for Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The meeting portion will begin at 1:30 followed by the program about 2 pm. Thank you Janet for working that out with the town.

The meeting will include the election of officers; some director slots may need filling. In that regard, Lindy asked Henry and Annette Stevens if they were interested and they said yes even though they are gone from October through April. Earlier, Jim and Judy Rayno, Mary Fanelli and Judy Hauck were suggested as possible board members. We hope to ask them shortly. Also, Fred has offered to see if Don Hinman might be interested considering his interest in Fowler Town in particular and local history in general. Sadly, Chuck Thompson has found the need to resign as a WHS director due to other commitments. He will stay available for helping out especially with the oral history program. We will all miss his reliably sane opinions at board meetings. Visit us as often as you can, Chuck.

Dedication of the Townsend Howe painting is another feature of the November Annual Meeting or program, we will have to decide which. Janet will invite Pat Decato Baker and Margaret Howe. Lindy has ordered a 5" X 7" non-tarnishing steel plaque, costing around \$20, with 5 lines of information on the painting written in gold lettering on a black background. It will be placed next to the painting wherever it is hung in the future. Both the painting and the plaque will be transported to the WCA that day for the dedication.

For the program part of the event, Marc has charged each of us with finding pictures and unearthing stories for the Annual Meeting and Cracker Barrel program we have planned. Please look around your personal collections for interesting pictures we can project onto a screen and stories to go with them. If you need to borrow from the WHS collection, that can be arranged. I might do something with my own house history since I don't have local family. You all can do the same or research an interesting business, custom, personality whatever you fancy.

Other things that need to be exhibited that day should include a demonstration of the collection as it will appear digitally. Hopefully Mary Fanelli can do that with her laptop. We may want to pull some objects from our collection to exhibit as well, those that relate to the presentations.

At our **October meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the library**, we will be asking folks to take charge of portions of the November event. For instance, we'll need a master of ceremonies for the program who will organize the presenters in some kind of order that makes sense and possibly introduce them at the program. Fred, you have done a great job of that before. Are you interested? We will need refreshment donations, can take care of that at the Oct. meeting too. Lindy will do the publicity and help Mary find an overhead projector.

**Recognition of a job well done at the Curiosity Shop** – Marc said nice words to the effect that the WHS Curiosity Shop has been a big success, raising nearly \$1000 so far and bringing attention to the historical room and the WHS in general. Lindy, Mary, Julie and Judy are grateful for the kind words.

Marc and Lindy pulled generic pictures from a large selection of Townsend Howe study photos to be sold at the Curiosity Shop the last two weekends of the Wilmot Farmers' Market season. Please scour your closets for anything old or one of a kind that we might sell: jewelry, linens, books, knick-knacks, interesting vases, pottery or cutlery, serving pieces. THANKS!

The Donald Hall DVDs have sold steadily and many have been requested by Donald Hall himself (14!). We guess he liked it.... 14 have been sold, covering all of our costs to date.

Fred will man the last weekend the historical room is opened on Sept 24th, Janet will do it September 17<sup>th</sup>. Lindy has the key to the town office building and historical room so she will open up both times while setting up the Curiosity Shop.

**Map case** – Marc was disappointed that the map case couldn't hold the 1960s sky-views of Wilmot but has an idea about retrofitting it to do so and will see that project through.

**NH Archivist Meeting Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am in Portsmouth** – Anyone wishing to join Marc in driving over to the seacoast early that Wednesday to attend the programs on exhibit building should let him know. It sounds pretty interesting!

**Feb. Programming** – Lindy moved and it was seconded and passed unanimously to spend \$100 to reserve a Sunday afternoon at the WCA for our Feb. program, when the date is set. After a good discussion it was decided that because the WCA is a private non-profit entity, not supported by the town or any other organization other than its membership, we should pay our own way for the use of their facility rather than trade services or ask the town for support.

**NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM AT THE LIBRARY!  
EVERYONE COME, THIS IS A BIG ONE!** Those who come early can help identify buildings and places depicted in the large Townsend Howe photo collection we have been given.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindy Heim

Substitute for Janet Howe, Secretary