

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes
April 19, 2018

Presents: Liz Kirby, Susan Finney, Julie Morse, Nola Aldrich, Nancy Bates, Lindy Heim, Mary Fanelli, and Catherine Stearns with guest Doug MacDonald.

Absent: Marc Davis, Judy Hauck, Fred Ogmundson

We met at our new venue, the Wilmot Firehouse. When she opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m., Liz explained why we moved from the Town Office to the Firehouse, a more private setting.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 22 meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Checking account	\$12,216.08	
Building CD	\$21,116.10	Interest: \$5.66
Working DC	\$10,123.09	Interest: \$2.33
Veterans Memorial Fund	2,711.72	(part of checking account)

Income:

Dues: \$125

Donations: \$105

Membership: 100 (more came in at the special meeting)

Expenses:

Carnevale (web help) \$107.00

Box for quilts/ink for printer 39.98

Total Expenses to date \$6,101.37

Lindy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Nola seconded. Unanimously accepted.

The Pot Luck meeting being sponsored by the Wilmot Select Board was brought up at this point. Nancy Bates, who serves as the Town's administrator, explained that the Select Board hopes to do a pot luck twice a year in order to get input from the community on various Town projects and concerns. The upcoming Pot Luck will be at the WCA Red Barn on May 20 from 3 – 5 with supper at 6 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Special Meeting April 15

Liz read a draft of minutes of the special meeting from April 15. There were 23 members present, representing a quorum. There was a little confusion about the final wording of the motions that were made at the meeting. Those who took notes will convene and make sure the minutes reflect the exact wording for the votes. Liz will get with Judy and Lindy to finalize the minutes. All agreed that it was a very good discussion. One suggestion was that we need a plan on paper in order to properly discuss the needs of the WHS with regard to a new space for operations. Mary agreed to make a plan. This to be presented at the program on May 6. Two things mentioned were: we need space at least twice as large as current space; and we also need archival storage.

Two Quilts

Chris Jenssen put a sleeve for hanging on the quilt from Charlotte Clark family. The pieces of the quilt were put together by Judy Rayno, who embroidered the signatures of the makers of each square. Lindy suggested interviewing LuAnn and Charlotte as a way of adding to our interviews and getting information on the provenance of the quilt. Lindy agreed in to take charge of the quilt project. Julie said she would help. It was suggested that a portable stand be made to display the quilt at events. Doug MacDonald will make something if we design it. Liz would like to display the quilt at our May 6 meeting at the Town Hall. The second quilt given to the WHS by Kay Butler needs repair. Chris Jenssen is doing the repairs and preparing the quilt for display by sewing a sleeve on the wrong side of the quilt, as she did recently with the Clark family quilt.

Interviews

Harrison Hunt has agreed to an audio interview. He wants to talk about the old roads on Kearsarge Mountain. We need to have someone with whom he is comfortable to conduct the interview. Loretta Rayno was suggested.

Cash Store Sign

The Cash Store sign is hung in the Town Hall. Provenance statement in place. Catherine Stearns did the research for the provenance.

May 6 Meeting

Andrew Cushing from the NH Preservation Alliance will speak about restoring and repurposing old/historic buildings. Lindy will ask Janet to do refreshments. Nancy will take care of opening the Town Hall. Ads and PR have been sent out.

Liability Insurance for the Board

Nancy put out a request for three bids. Only one has come in so far. \$1200/year for general liability.

Co-host with cemetery trustees

On Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m., the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association will have their annual meeting and program at the Town Hall. The Wilmot Cemetery committee invited the WHS to co-host. Attendees will bring a brown bag lunch. It was suggested that we ask Fred Ogmundson to do a 10 – 15 minutes presentation on “Dying in Wilmot,” which would be anything to do with burials and gravesites.

Other cemetery program: On site workshop on cleaning, restoring and repairing gravestones— 9:30 to 12:00 at the North Road Cemetery, on Wednesday June 12. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Humanities program with North Wilmot Union Meeting House

Margaret Doody invited the WHS to make a presentation during the six weeks that the North Wilmot Church is open this summer. Liz looked into the Humanities offerings and found a program on meetings houses. She will contact Paul Wainwright to see if he is available this summer. Sept 9 at 4 p.m.

Curiosity Shop

The Curiosity Shop will be open this summer on Jul 7, Aug 4, Aug 25 (Town Wide Yard Sale), and Sep 1. Lindy has put a notice in the media that she is looking for items for the Curiosity

Shop and encouraged anyone with some collectibles to contact her. She will pick up and give receipts for any donations.

History Room

Lindy will get docents so that the history room can be open on Saturdays from July 7 through September.

Certificates of Deposit

Mary made a motion to take the monies out of the current CDs when they come due and put them in a money market. She will research the best deal between LSB and Mascoma. We have accounts in both banks. Liz seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dot Young's house is for sale—It is across from the post office and very old. Judy and Mary will scope it out and report back if they think it is something that the WHS might consider.

Website

Mary wanted the board to know that she is considering new software for the website that might incur some expense. The current software has become too cumbersome.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. Next meeting will be on May 17 at 1 p.m. in the Firehouse.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Fanelli for Judy Hauck