

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting held on September 14, 2015
Town Offices

Present: Nola Aldrich, Sue Finney, Julie Morse, Mary Fanelli, Marc Davis, and Fred Ogmundson.

Secretary's Report – approved

Treasurer's report

Checking Account: \$13,561.52
Memorial Fund: \$4,446.67
CDs: \$20,995.35 and \$10,047.53
Expenses to date: \$4,930.10
August Expenses: ½ of McAuliffe video payment \$1250
Member Count: 96

Curiosity Shop:

The total since the beginning of the year is \$3,216.85, most of which was earned this summer in the 9 weeks that the Shop was open at the Wilmot Farmers Market. Leftover goods went to the Danbury Grange Fair Attic Treasures. Quality items left over are stored in the attic of the town office. 24 individuals donated to the Shop this summer, and 24 volunteers logged in over 200 hours of time.

Preservation and Acquisition:

There will be a meeting with Betsy Forsham at the Forsham home on Sept. 16 at 9:30. Betsy has agreed to meet with WHS members of the Acquisition committee on a Wednesday closest to the 15th of each month. Marc and Fred will be looking for paper, post cards, photos, letters and diaries. What the WHS cannot use, they will put in the Curiosity Shop.

The family photos that were taken on the 50th anniversary of Chuck and Jackie Thompson at the family homestead on Cross Hill Road are done.

The WHS will keep a digital copy on the hard drive of the computer in the history room of the DVD of Donald Hall reading his poetry. DVDs continue to be sold. A digital copy is on file with the company who is making the DVDs for us.

Judy Hauck has purchased a Canon camcorder and a lapel mic for future interviews with Wilmot residents. The cost is between \$300 and \$400.

The newly edited version of the Jack McAuliffe video was shown to the board. Everyone agreed that the quality is excellent. We also viewed a few minutes of the raw footage so that Fred could see the difference between the two versions. Theresa Chamberland, who is editing the film, is almost finished with the transcription. This will add \$600 to the \$2500 cost of editing the raw footage.

Marc asked Fred to make a list of all those residents of Wilmot who we should be interviewing to make sure that we have their histories and reminiscences. Some suggestions were: Walter Walker, Henry Stevens, Don Brady, Paul "Scuffy" Barton. He said we should think about doing audio interviews as well as video.

Some footage was taken a while ago of Clara Langley, but Marc felt that, if at all possible, we should interview her again with the new equipment. She is currently in a nursing home, Hanover Terrace.

The two Thompson diaries that are at Keene state being scanned, are almost ready to be released to us. There is no charge for this service.

Some concern was voiced by Julie Morse that we not spend all of our monies on the video project as we want to be sure to have monies set aside for other digitizing projects as well as saving money in our building fund. Mary said she is going to apply for a grant from the Brown Foundation to see if they will give us \$5,000 toward the \$2500 cost of editing each of the videos that have already been shot in addition to the McAuliffe video (Loretta Rayno, Esther Grace, and George Gove).

Marc showed us an unusual basket that is thought to have been used as a gift box for jelly at Freedom Acres. Mary took a photo of it and will ask Loretta Rayno to confirm.

Fred gave an update on the plans for the Cracker Barrel at the annual meeting. He would like to get Walter Walker to talk about his new book that he just published. Betsy Forsham will speak about her family and Fred will see if Betsy's sister is also available. The annual meeting is November 8 at the WCA.

Our next meeting is set for Monday, October 5th at 1 pm in the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fanelli for
Judy Hauck, secretary