

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting held on May 11, 2015
Town Offices at 1:11 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Present: Nola Aldrich, Lindy Heim, Sue Finney, Julie Morse, Judy Hauck, Mary Fanelli and Marc Davis

Secretary's report – accepted with corrections

Treasurer's report

Checking Account -	\$12,027.72
Memorial Fund -	\$4,627.47
CDs:	\$20,977.76; \$10,034.90
Expenses to date:	\$3,370.10 (since Nov. 1)
Member Count	93
Donations	\$1,040.00
Memberships	\$460.00

New Business

Commitment Dates for Curiosity Shop and History room - Lindy

Lindy presented a sign-up sheet for volunteers for both locations on nine Saturdays this summer— July 4 to August 29.

Flag Purchases – Mary

Mary will purchase 4' X 6' flags for the Soldiers Memorial from Concord Flags (American Made by Annin). Of these there will be two American flags, one State flag and one POW/MIA flag, for a total cost of \$180.80. Mary will also handle picking these up or getting someone else to do it.

Curiosity Shop

This summer's Curiosity Shop will open July 4 and continue from 9:00-noon for 9 weeks, closing at the end of August. Lindy reported that there are no more With Prayer and Psalm books available for sale, but plenty of the Glimpse of the Past books.

Preservation and Acquisition – Marc

- Marc, Judy, Sue and Fred will visit Connie Forsham's house. Marc will call to set up a date, noting that Tuesday mornings are not good for Sue Finney.
- Marc will attend the May 20 meeting of the New Hampshire Archives Group (NHAG).
- Oral Histories

Marc talked with Charlie Darling about best way to do transcriptions of our oral history collection. Tina and John Cotton do this for the Andover Historical Society. Kim White tried doing transcriptions for the WHS, and found that it took 2 hours to transcribe 20 minutes of the taped interviews. It was noted that another person charged \$20.00/hr., or \$60.00 per tape. Marc moved that we purchase equipment and hire Kim to do up to \$600.00 worth of transcription work. We will ask Kim to list what she needs in the way of equipment. Half of the oral histories are on CDs but all need to be transcribed.

For visual editing, Mary will ask Theresa Chamberland to test what this involves and will get an estimate for this work. She will know by May 17.

Susan Norris notes about Building Communities Through Oral History may prove to be a good resource for conducting or future interviews.

Program – Fred

The next program will be about Connie Forsham – A Walk into History. Fred will take items from her house and talk about them and the history they reveal. He will also present photos of the family and talk about the history of the house, a former parsonage. We hope that Betsy Forsham will tell stories about her experiences.

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Judy is to call Fred to set up a meeting with Betsy Forsham to tour the house and select items for the collection. Nola will take a photograph of Fred Goodhue's grave (he's Connie Forsham's uncle) at Bunker Hill Cemetery to include in the program.

Action Items

Web Site Updates – Mary

We need more information about the people now on our web site from their relatives or from sources in our collection. Perhaps the people who will be hosting in the History Room this summer could choose a specific person about whom to get information.

Mary will download each person and attach a list of the kinds of information needed so that hosts or visitors can fill them in.

All other items on the Action Item list were carried forward.

Our next meeting will be at 1:00 PM on June 15 in the Town Offices

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hauck