

**Wilmot Historical Society**  
**November 18, 2020**  
**Minutes**

Liz Kirby, president, opened the meeting on Zoom at 1:04 p.m.

In attendance were board members Nola Aldrich, Judy Hauck, Catherine Stearns, Lindy Heim, Mary Fanelli, Marc Davis, and Julie Morse.

Excused: Fred Ögmundson.

**Minutes:** The October minutes were accepted as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Checking:	\$641.45
Money Market	\$38,209.43 (\$1.57 int.)
Mascoma	\$5,000
Total all:	\$43,850.88

Membership for 2021:        7

Expenses:

- Sent in Report for the 5-year update on non-profit status \$25 fee
- Reimburse Lindy for digitizing old audio interviews - \$160
- Paid Carnevale \$960 for website conversion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Newsletter**

A MailChimp newsletter was sent out in October, but some of the board members did not remember receiving it. There is a newsletter posted on the front page of the website, but Mary was going to check to make sure the MailChimp went out. This prompted a discussion on what to do this year about membership solicitation. One idea is to send the newsletter with a membership form at the bottom to all the current members.

**Video Equipment and work in progress**

Judy has purchased a new projector. Now that she has a little more experience with the camera and is more comfortable with it, she does not feel the need to buy another. A bad SIM card was the problem when filming one of the Thompson family interviews.

The Thompson interviews went well. There are several separate “takes” that will have to be processed. Judy was not sure if she had them all, but Liz said she does, so she and Judy will get together and then deliver a thumb drive to Mary with all the footage to send to our videographer, Theresa.

The microphones worked well and Liz asked if a third could be used for the interviewer. Judy feels this might be possible with another “splitter.”

## **Historical Tours**

Lindy thanked everyone who helped put the Wilmot driving tours together. So far, several people have taken them and enjoyed them. Judy suggested that we have ongoing publicity to promote them. It might possibly be a fundraiser at some point if we print them out and have them available to the public. The tours can be downloaded from the home page of the website.

## **Boston Post Cane**

Catherine was heading up the search for someone to receive the Boston Post Cane. She mentioned that Walter Walker just turned 90 in October and May Jones turned 91. However, Ethel Hasseck, who lives with her daughter on Jewell Road, is 95. Catherine is waiting for Ethel's daughter to get back to her to see whether or not she would like to be the Boston Post Cane recipient. Her daughter thinks it is a great idea, but, evidently Ethel is not so eager! We will wait to see what Ethel wants to do before pursuing this any further. May has indicated that she may not be interested, but Walter definitely is! Catherine will report back when she hears from Ethel's daughter. Liz wondered if we should seek counsel from the BOS, but Marc indicated that in previous years, they would prefer to leave the Boston Cane honor entirely up to the WHS. Marc suggested that, if the oldest recipients do not want to receive the honor, we should get a "release" from them to this effect. All agreed.

## **Search for Treasurer**

Brian McCarthy was suggested as a possibility for a new board member who might be willing to be treasurer. However, Mary pointed out that we still need to have Nancy Bates officially resign from the office. Liz will contact her to get something in writing to release her from her obligation as treasurer. Meanwhile, Liz urged everyone to be thinking of a candidate for this office. Mary will send around a list of the membership for the board members to peruse.

## **Reissue of Cap LeVarn's *History of Wilmot* book**

Liz has not been able to locate Cap's grandson. However, the niece and nephew are fine with having the WHS reproduce the book again. Judy said she read through the book and thought there were many pages that were not as interesting as they could be and wondered if we should reprint an abbreviated version. After some discussion, Judy agreed to try to digitize some of the book with Dragon Dictate to see if it might be possible to make the re-publication easier. Julie mentioned that she had a great photo of Cap in her kitchen and offered to send it to us for use if we republish.

## **Thursday's Child**

The North Wilmot Union Meeting House Society has asked the WHS to go in with them on a request to the Coach House Restaurant to be added to the Thursday's Child fundraising dinner schedule for next year. Liz suggested that we reconsider this after the COVID restrictions are lifted.

## **Bunker Deeds**

Sue Ade has asked the WHS if they are interested in some Bunker deeds she has in her possession. We are hoping she will give us the original deed to the Bunker House (Nancy Langley's home on Bunker Hill) and is waiting to see what she will do. The other deeds more properly belong in the New London archives.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Mascoma Donation Option**

Liz spoke with Taryn Johnson at Mascoma Bank about grants for non-profits. Their grant committee meets monthly, and they give up to \$7500 per organization each year. Marc said he has worked with them and the process is not complicated. It was suggested that we might apply for the re-publishing of Cap LeVarn's book or perhaps our video interview project.

Mary mentioned that she had emailed Eleanor Angoff recently to update her on the progress we have been making with our video interviews. Julie suggested that we go ahead and make another request to the Barnard Foundation as Eleanor has been very pleased with what we have done with the grants so far.

### **Zoom Meetings**

This month's meeting was done in two segments due to the fact that we only get about 40 minutes for each session with Zoom. Judy is going to ask Meghan Foley, our town administrator, if we might be able to use the Town's account as it has unlimited time.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**Next meeting will be on December 16 at 1 p.m. via Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fanelli, secretary