Wilmot Historical Society Minutes of Meeting – March 3, 2009

The Board met in the library at 9:30 on Tuesday, March 3, with President Marc Davis, Secretary Janet Howe, Treasurer Julie Morse and Directors Barbara Sanborn, Esther Grace, Nola Aldrich and Fred Ogmundson present.

Corrections were made to the list of officers and directors distributed by Janet. Minutes of the January 13 Board meeting were approved as submitted. Thanks to Nola for filling in as Secretary.

May meeting: Fred has arranged for Sharon Wood to present her "A Soldier's Mother Tells Her Story" program. The NH Humanities Council will pay \$235 towards the cost of the lecture which should cover her fee plus transportation from Claremont. It was agreed to run two ¼-page ads in the Shopper prior to the program. Marc will work on wording for the ads and email it to the Board. Fred had photos which can be used on a poster. Ads will be due by April 15th to run on the 22nd and 29th of April.

Membership: Julie asked if we were planning to remind past members who haven't renewed this year to do so, and it was decided that Janet would get the names of those people who haven't renewed and prepare a reminder/meeting notice by the next Board meeting (on April 7).

DVD of Cracker Barrel program: Lindy will be asked to talk with Ethney McMahon to discuss why the DVD worked on some players and not on others.

November meeting: Fred offered to do a program of stories of Wilmot folks for the annual meeting, and all agreed that would be a great idea.

Correspondence: Marc read a letter from an anonymous member of the WHS who suggested that we consider purchasing some land which is for sale and which has a derelict log cabin on it and moving an existing building from elsewhere to the land for use as a museum. Marc will respond, thanking him for his suggestion and indicating that once the snow is gone, some of us will be glad to visit the land/buildings in question and proceed from there.

Theater curtain: At a cost of \$100, the NH Preservation Alliance would arrange for an estimate of work needed, if any, on the curtain in the Town Hall. It was last restored in the mid-'80's. Marc will speak to the Board of Selectmen to see if they would pay for the estimate, which the historical society recommends having done.

Bi-centennial quilt: Marc has looked at several displayed quilts and feels the one in the Hanover public library is the best example of one done properly. He will ask Rosanna to contact the librarian in Hanover for information on who did the work. For under \$1000, he thinks we can get the frame and Plexiglas put together. We would have to install the

quilt. The question of where to display it where it will get good public exposure came up and will be decided later.

Sign-up sheets from Nov. meeting: Marc will call the people who showed an interest in the history book club and arrange an initial organizational meeting. Ann Davis has attended a workshop on oral histories and is pursuing that project. Julie took the names of the other two people who signed up for preservation. She asked for information from the workshop Marc and Liz Kirby attended last fall on preservation.

Gifts: Barbara Sanborn received records from the Wilmot Baptist Church dating back to the 1820's from Dick Clayton. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the material donated by the church. Janet will write a thank-you to the church and Dick.

By-laws: Marc will send the revised by-laws to Janet for the files and for recording with the town and state.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Howe, Secretary

NEXT MEETING – TUES. APRIL 7 – 9:30 a.m. in the LIBRARY