Wilmot Historical Society Minutes of Meeting - June 8, 2010

The WHS met at 9:30 in the library with President Marc Davis, Vice-President Lindy Heim, and Directors Esther Grace, Nola Aldrich and Liz Kirby present.

The purpose of the meeting was to decide how to proceed with the Planning Board's request for help from the WHS with their rezoning project and plan for the November Annual Meeting.

Marc passed out the letter he sent to the Planning Board May 17th saying that our help would take longer than expected but he offered a copy of the 1998 Regional Environmental Protection Plan map of Wilmot for their use in the meantime. A decision to contact the town Select Board by letter and formal meeting was made to insure that our concerns are clear. As a group we highly recommend the community based, state sponsored Neighborhood Heritage District program, whose handbook Marc copied and handed out to all members of the Planning Board at their April 19th meeting. Unfortunately, the Planning board leadership was unreceptive and several members of the WHS are unwilling to work with the board as it is now constituted.

Two possible dates for the November Annual Meeting and program are Nov. 7 and 14. Other dates crowd holidays. One suggestion is to have the 14-year-old piper, Campbell Webster, from Contoocook play bagpipes and provide an educational talk as well. He was a big hit when Nola heard him at the New London Historical Society and a musical program would offer entertainment value. She will check on his availability during 2010 and 2011. Another possibility is to have the Humanities Council provide a speaker from one of the finishers of the Humanities Council audition session THIS FRIDAY FROM 12:30 – 5 PM AT THE PLEASANT VIEW RETIRMENT HOME on Pleasant Street in Concord. Lindy is going. Anyone else want to come along? A fresh topic and good speaker might be nice for either our November or February events.

Members of the WHS are encouraged to contact Janet about 2 or 3 dates they are willing to host in the Historical Room this summer starting June 26.

Lindy and Charlie Thompson will make a date with the Sanborns for an oral history taping this month. We should also consider getting a more professional video camera to preserve these and other histories like town meetings. The Flip camera has its issues. Marc envisions finding a Colby-Sawyer College student or other interested party to pick up our raw oral histories and make more interesting videos with them.

Moose grants would take care of funding to restore the Town Hall curtain, we need a grant writer

Marc would like to be free to call a summer meeting if needed either to address the Planning Board project or the November program.

Action Items:

Marc - write Mary Fanelli about her participation in the preservation project Sent liz the lilac guy's contact info for the War Memorial

Nola - contact the bag piper to see when he might be able to perform in a WHS program

EVERYONE - contact Janet about dates to host in the Historical Room this summer starting June 26th

Meeting adjourned at 11:15

Respectfully submitted, Lindy Heim sitting in for Janet Howe, Secretary