Wilmot Historical Society

Minutes of Meeting June 2, 2011

The Board of the WHS met on Thursday, June 2, at 10 a.m. in the library with all Board members except Rosanna Dude in attendance. Mary Fanelli attended also.

Townsend Howe painting/memorial to Pat DeCato Baker's son, Peter: Meet at the Howe studio to select a painting on Monday, June 6, at 1:30. Marc suggested we hang the painting in the Town Office Building and have an article/photo in the InterTown. All agreed.

Strategic Planning: Marc asked that we all consider what long-term goals we have for the WHS. A committee may be formed to put together a plan from ideas generated from the Board for presentation at the annual meeting in November.

Walter Walker will be contacted by Chuck to see if Sunday, June 5, would work out for Chuck and Fred to meet to look at the **sap house(s)**.

File cabinet: Fred and Liz will check with the rest of the History Comm. to see if they would agree to give the cabinet to the WHS. An appropriate recognition will be made.

Chuck and Lindy have completed **oral histories** of Judith and Walter Walker. Lindy circulated a photo she had made of the folks recently interviewed, including Thelma Minard who died in late May.

Calvin Langley document whereabouts will take time to research. As we catalogue the contents of the room, it may turn up.

Bradford Bog People CD has been reviewed by Fred, who feels the music would be good background music but is not suitable for a concert/program.

Donald Hall program: Thank you to all who helped make this a success. About 100 people attended. The ad cost \$163, the gift \$45. Book sale receipts were \$110. Marc hopes to have the photo signed by both Donald and President Obama. Lindy will get a copy of the video of the program from Charlie Darling and, if it's a good representation of the program, will get permission from Donald Hall to allow the Beacon to distribute it as they see fit.

Historical Room will open on the 11th of June. Sign-up was distributed. Coverage is needed in June for the 18th and for most of July.

We appreciate Pat DeCato Baker having the WHS the recipient of **memorial gifts** for Peter. A total of \$1500 has been received. Janet has written thank-you notes to the contributors and a list for Pat.

Mary showed us an example of the **documentation** she's working on for our collection. She asked if we could begin to clean up the room and make space for her to photograph items. Anyone available on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. is welcome to help. We'll begin by transferring some of the big items (school chairs, sign from the Campground, etc.) to Janet's barn. Chuck suggested that boxes of documents might temporarily be stored upstairs in the Town Office Building. That will be explored.

Town Hall curtain: Mary is working with Christine Hadsel on writing a grant that would include monies for our curtain repairs. Thank you, Mary.

Mildred Schuyler has copies of **Town Reports** which she's willing to send us if we need them to complete our collection. Liz asked if Janet would ask Mildred to send any from the years 1942, '43, and '44 also.

Marc briefly reported on his attendance at a **NH archivist meeting**. More on this later.

Esther Grace showed a copy of the photos of the **1943 graduates** and made notes on the people in those photographs for our collection.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Howe, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 16 – 10 A.M. IN THE LIBRARY

On-going (for the time being): Meet at the WHS room Mondays at 10 a.m.

Call Janet (526-4559) to sign up for room coverage, Saturdays 10 - noon