#### Minutes of the Wilmot Historical Society Meeting Monday March 10, 2014 1:07- 2:18 P.M. History Room, Town Offices (http://www.wilmothistoricalsociety.org)

Present were Julie Morse, Nola Aldrich, Judy Hauck, Mary Fanelli and Marc Davis (Julie was the first to arrive)!

#### Secretary's Report

The report was accepted with no amendments **Treasurer's Report** as of March 10, 2014 <u>Checking Account</u> Amount: \$5,692.59 <u>Memorial Fund Amount</u>: \$5,580.92 <u>Certificate of Deposit Amounts</u>: \$10,002.30 \$20,932.30

(Mary noted that the new CD is making 50% more at .3% than the old one at .2%)

Expenses totaled \$777.39 to date (starting in November) February expenses alone included:

\$100 to the WCA for rental
\$102.70 for 2 ads for Cracker Barrel Program in the Shopper
\$50.00 for the May program
\$\$95.55 postage for the Feb. Newsletter – which included 60 extra newsletters mailed.
\$32.00 for Intertown Record ad for the Cracker Barrel
\$88.74 to Flash Photo for digitizing slides
\$49.00 for postage stamps
\$35.20 to the Andover Beacon for ad
\$9.00 for a new key to the P.O. box

Member Count: to date we have 68 members

Digitizing of the Collection: Mary and Judy have spent 13 hours (each) over the past 7 weeks

#### New Business:

A \$200.00 donation to the WCA for the purchase of window blinds was approved.

<u>De-accession – several items from the collection were presented to the Board and discussed</u>. The board approved sending them to the Education Collection and hence, perhaps, after further discussion, to the Curiosity Shop.

<u>Displays in HR</u> – this is an ongoing effort and includes creating and attaching new labels to all the items on display.

In the Collection there is a group of photographs found by the Morse's in their house, once owned by Clara Forbes, which Nola will take to Clara Langley in hope that Clara can identify them. Julie Morse will take home a Bicentennial newspaper found in the History room and review it for items related to Wilmot.

Marc Davis will do the same with a 2007 Farmers Almanac.

Mary will attempt to digitize a Boston Globe Magazine article about Wilmot resident Clayton Nowell.

Curiosity Shop: The times and dates for the Curiosity Shop will be finalized in April

### Preservation/Acquisition

Marc will visit Chuck Thompson to appraise the family diaries for acquisition and digitizing. This will give the Society specific information to use as the foundation for an application for another Barnard Grant.

Two Bean journals have been sent to Golden Images for digitizing. If the results are satisfactory, we will consider sending other bound volumes to them for digitization.

Mary and Judy are continuing to sort through and organize the collection in the history room.

## Nice Stories about the Collection

We received a request from Toni Ryan, in CA, for information about the Rev. Robert Dickey family bible, which she discovered had been donated to the WHS. We were able to find the bible, send her copies of the relevant pages of genealogy and received a nice thank you letter from her.

During discussions about the Bean family collection donated by Sue Finch, the WCA was able to connect her to a hitherto unknown family member through Marc Davis.

## Program

Fred and Janet will finalize the Steve Taylor Program on May 18 next month.

# WHS Action Item List

- Julie is researching displaying the quilt safely in a public domain perhaps the Library or the WCA.
- Judy and Marc considering a summer scanning project and photo contest 2014. Leading from the Cracker Barrel Program special meetings with specific families.
- Lindy interview Dolly Fowler and others Loretta Rayno and Jelly Ladies specifically
- Marc discuss the Mac Campbell and Charles Thompson family diaries as possible candidates for grant money.
- Fred process and report on Margaret Campbell diaries donation.
- Sue Finney will manage the Family Home Project of photos of all Wilmot Homes with residents.

## Next meeting is at Wilmot History Room 1:00 P.M. April 14, 2014 Return of the Lindy Lady