

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting
January 9, 2017
Town office 1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Present were: Marc Davis, Fred Ogmundson, Mary Fanelli, Julie Morse, Nancy Bates, Sue Finney, Nola Aldrich, and Liz Kirby.

Secretary's report

Was not available at this time.

Treasurer's report

Checking: \$16,214.84

Memorial Fund: \$4,446.67

CDs: \$21,050.50 (Building Fund) and \$10,087.88 (Savings)

Expenses to date: \$2,689.00 (includes \$2,000 sent to Theresa Chamberland for Loretta Rayno video project)

Member Count: 15

NEW BUSINESS

Boston Cane recipient – Ann and Franklin Davenport are the oldest known residents in Wilmot at this time. Ann was born on 6/27/1923 and Franklin was born on 1/9/1924. It was decided to award the cane to both of them. Liz Kirby will arrange to have a meeting with the Davenports in February. At that time we will award a certificate with both their names and take a photo of them together. It was also suggested that we video the occasion.

Newsletter: Marc sent in his “letter from the president” . It was suggested that we do an article on the one-room school house using the fabulous photo that was taken. Liz Kirby typed up a list of all those who are present in the photo.

Town Report: Marc has finished his report. He will send it around for the board to look at before submitting to the Town.

PRESERVATION AND ACQUISITION

Goodhue Family Papers, Photos, and Memorabilia: Fred Ogmundson and Marc Davis have been meeting with Betsy Forsham to go over articles of historic interest that have been left in the family domicile on No. Wilmot Road. Fred gave us a list of items that he and Marc looked at over several months. Fred noted that the items in this list are not necessarily items that Betsy plans to give to the WHS. Therefore, Fred cautioned that the list is for the WHS board only and not to be publicized. Betsy is planning to get the house ready for sale after May 2017 at which time she will be looking to relocate the items that she wishes to give to the Wilmot Historical Society.

Storage for WHS collection: Mary asked about making room for these articles in the current history room, which is already short of storage space. She would like to loan out one of the display cases that are currently in the history room to the New London Historical Society. Mary Made a motion to this effect, Nola seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mary then made a motion to explore construction of storage shelves to house the papers and artifacts that have been being donated (including the potential items on Fred's list from Betsy Forsham). Nola seconded the motion. Discussion: Nancy Bates suggested that we look into pre-engineered shelving, which may be less expensive than designing and building from scratch. She also mentioned that there are several jelly cabinets that were taken from the town hall and relocated to the mezzanine in the town highway building. Mary will look at them and measure them. They have historical significance and might serve our purpose.

PROGRAM

February 5: Our next program will be on Sunday, February 5 "The 12th NH Regiment Serenade Band" will be the topic of a talk by Steve Gasiorowski. There was a bit of a kerfluffle about whether the band was coming and if there was a cost involved. Nancy Bates offered to call Steve to get the information. Mary will take care of the change in advertising/press releases.

Veterans Memorial Beech Tree: Liz mentioned that one of the beech trees should have a "necklace" to say that the tree is in memory of Elizabeth Fielding mother. Mary said she will contact Elizabeth and arrange to have the necklace made.

Meeting concluded at around 2:30 p.m.