

**Wilmot Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 14, 2017
Town Offices 1:35 - 3:10**

Meeting called to order at 1:35 PM by Liz Kirby, President

Present at meeting: Nancy Bates, Marc Davis, Liz Kirby, Judy Hauck, Mary Fanelli, Fred Ogmundson, Catherine Stearns

Secretary's report

Accepted with no further changes.

Treasurer's report

Checking account	\$16,046.10
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$ 4,212.72 (included in checking acct.)
Building Fund CD	\$21,097.93
Working Fund CD	\$10,115.60
Donations	\$25.00
Expenses since Nov 1:	\$542.02
2017 - 2018 Membership	10 \$50.00 (fiscal year is Nov1 to Oct 31).

Mary will send an approved WHS donation of \$100.00 to the Wilmot Farmers Market.

Housekeeping

It was moved and approved that the Board will continue to hold monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month for the year 2018. The Town Office space will be available at that time. Our next board meeting will be on January 18, 2018. The next Program will be at the WCA on Feb. 4.

Old Business –reports of status of current and completed projects

Fred

Annual Meeting was well-attended and called AWESOME by Board President

Liz

The WHS resolution re: the Town Hall damage/restoration issues will be signed by all Board members once Mary has printed it out and then it will be presented to the Board of Selectmen in January at their regular meeting. When Liz informed the BOS they were pleased.

Mary

Status of the Veterans Memorial moribund tree removal: She is still waiting to hear from the person who made the low bid on the job. The hope is that it will be done before snow fall. Donald Hall/Bill Moyers interview video link – per Kendel, Donald is honored to have it uploaded to our website. It is now to be found there.

Lindy

Transcriptions - Per an e-mail from Kim on 11/27/17, she has the tapes as well as the digital files. Her goal was to have tape 5 of Frank and Walter Walker's discussion of the Garnet Mine completed by the end of this week. She will stay within this year's budget.

Sue

Thanks to her for spearheading the Davenport/Garnet Mine outing. It was an excellent, informative event for all concerned.

Judy

Status of Clayton Nowell video – she tried, but was unable to do the editing, so this will be sent to Teresa Chamberland. She noted that our video skills are improving. We will need photos to accompany the video. Judy and Mary will research these.

Marc

P.O. Sorting Table

Per Luanne Clark of the AHS, the old Wilmot Flat P.O. sorting table is at the Andover Historical Society Museum in Potter Place. Luanne reports that they have room to keep it for us. The Board decided to keep it on loan for us until until such time as we have a place to display it. Marc will speak to Luanne and complete appropriate loan paperwork.

Board Committees

Membership of Committees was reviewed and revised and the following is current. Program Committee - Fred, Judy, Mary - Mary will apply for grants. We need a dependable financial commitment to provide for ongoing Programs.

Preservation – Marc, Catherine. - They will vet donations to the WHS. We will add a new ad hoc committee to the Preservation Committee: *Wilmot Families*. Members are Marc, Catherine and Sue Finney

Curiosity Shop and History Room - Schedule for staffing both was tabled until spring. Moved and passed that Mary will purchase a new lock for the History Room door, as well as eight keys. Nancy will keep the original key and one copy. Other keys will go to Fred, Marc, Mary, Liz, Nola, Judy, and David Zuger.

Digitizing - Mary, Judy, Nancy.

Oral History – Lindy, Judy, Nancy, Fred, Chris Jenssen and Liz (Pat Brown is interested but not yet available, and Mary is consultant) – Nancy has talked with Joyce Rand, Henry Patten's

caregiver, who says that he has good and bad days. Fred will update us on Henry's condition. It may be necessary to interview him on very short notice when he is able – as determined by Joyce and Nancy.

Other candidates are Pat Fleury and Donald Evans (siblings; to be interviewed together?) and Jim and Judy Rayno.

Veterans War Memorial – Mary, Liz

Elizabeth Fielding knows that we have the sign honoring her mother and is very pleased with it. We will wait until the snow disappears to place the sign on the beech tree at a time when Elizabeth and her family are able to participate.

New Business

Action Item List - As of this meeting we will modify the Action Item List format to distinguish short-term (3-6 months) from long-term projects.

Quilt Display - Julie now has both the Bicentennial Quilt (from 2007) and another historical quilt. She will evaluate display options. Mark reports that he has talked with the town librarian who says that we may hang one quilt in the library. Julie will update us at the next meeting.

Embalming Certificate - Liz reports that Betsy Forsham may have a Certificate of Graduation from embalming school for Mr. Goodhue. This would be appropriately displayed at the N.L. Historical Society with the Wilmot Hearse and the Goodhue sign. If this becomes available we will make a determination

Annual Report for Wilmot Town Report

Marc will write this and include as restrictions of space allow:

- Website and promotion thereof
- Boston Post Cane presentation to Ann Davenport
- Subjects of past year's programs from Feb., May, August and October
- Curiosity shop
- When History Room is open
- The dates on Ola's gravestone and why we place this
- Change of Presidency of the WHS
- The financing of the VM maple takedown
- Our resolution supporting Town Hall preservation
- Our Oral History achievements

Annual Newsletter and Membership Drive

Mary will handle this as she has in the past.

WHS Action Item List

ALL: Fill out loaner/storage forms for all WHS collection pieces temporarily stored at your home/barn etc.

SHORT TERM

Julie will:

- Follow through with managing the quilt display and report on progress at the next meeting

Nancy and Catherine will:

- Carefully examine the papers Nancy retrieved from the Brady house

Nancy will:

- Convert VCR tapes of Norse Ski Area and Women's Trust to DVD
- Try to get the interview going with Henry Patten
- Ask the Select Board for permission to hang the Walter Walker Wilmot Center sign in the Town Hall, and where in the Town Hall would be an appropriate place for it.

Fred will:

- Plan the February program; New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell, and will ask the speaker about specifics.

Marc will:

- Complete an offsite storage form for the WHS artifacts at his residence.
- Take charge of the acquisition of W. Walker's old W. Ctr. sign donation, paperwork and storage.
- Visit the Wilmot postal sorting desk now being stored at the RR shed in Potter Place. He will fill out a long-term loan form for the Andover Historical Society. The form will be changed when WHS takes possession of the postal sorting desk.

LONG TERM

Liz will:

- U.S. Federal Census, Town of Wilmot - Print copies of the US Federal Census for the years 1920 and 1940 with Nola's financial help

Nancy will:

- Put together a road trip to visit the Concord Prison to see their furniture workshop

Mary will:

- Apply for grant monies to fund making a better version of the video of the 2017 Ann. Mtg. program
- Do the ads and PR for the Feb. 5, 2018 program at the WCA, with Lindy's help.

Sue Finney and Marc will:

- Try out the Wilmot family homes project starting with a couple of old Wilmot families to work out the kinks before a full blown effort: Thompson Homestead/Cemetery and Ogmundson homestead (Little Breezy)

adjourned at 3:10 PM

Next WHS Board Meeting:

Will be held on January 18 at 1:30 PM at the Wilmot Town office meeting room.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Hauck

Secretary