# Wilmot Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting May 17, 2018 Wilmot Firehouse

Present were: Marc Davis, Nancy Bates, Fred Ogmundson, Judy Hauck, Mary Fanelli, Sue Finney, Nola Aldrich, and Lindy Heim with president Liz Kirby presiding. Also present were committee members Catherine Stearns and Chris Jenssen.

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup> present by the secretary and accepted with no changes.

### **Treasurer's Report**

### **Bar Harbor Bank**

Checking account \$14,775.51

Building CD \$21,128.41 Interest: \$6.06 Working DC \$10,128.16 Interest: \$2.49

Veterans Memorial Fund 2,711.72 (included in the checking account balance)

Income:

Dues: to date: \$535

Donations: to date: \$3,215

## **Expenses May:**

Theresa Chamberland (CD eval.) \$150.00 InterTown Record Ad 30.60 NH Humanities Sept 9 Prog 50.00

Total Expenses since Nov 1 \$6,448.61

#### Membership - 115 members to date

#### **Completed projects:**

May 6 - Program at the Town Hall. Speaker Andrew Cushing was a great success with a good attendance. Doug MacDonald made frames to display our quilts, and these were set up in the back of the Town Hall before the meeting.

May 12 - Co-hosted the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association at the Town Hall. Meeting went well and many remarked on the hand-painted front and back curtains on the stage.

### **Old Business**

**Liability Insurance** – Nancy Bates contacted the Maine Mutual Group who quoted us \$500 per year for liability insurance. She recommended that we wait for another quote and that we should check with the NH Historical Society to see if we can get coverage through them.

**Web Changes** – Mary reports that Drupal is becoming very difficult to manage. Changing our software would cost \$1000. Board will discuss this at our next meeting.

**Audio interview with Harrison Hunt** – Mary suggests that we push forward with this as soon as possible.

**Next Video project** – Theresa Chamberland has reviewed all our CDs and DVDs to see which are worth editing. Mary has a list from Theresa.

#### **New Business**

**Bandstand food** - the WHS will man the Bandstand food concession on August 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. Chairperson Ann Davis needs the name, phone, and email for the contact person from WHS. Nancy Bates volunteered to be the point person.

**Sept 9 program at the North Wilmot Church** was confirmed. Paul Wainwright will discuss old meeting houses. We will co-sponsor with the North Wilmot Union Meeting House Society.

**Curiosity Shop** – Lindy asked for more donations. She and Mary will do this publicity: one ad to promote the yard sale, Bandstand supper and the Curiosity Shop.

**Old Photo of Brady House** – Nancy Bates showed the Board this photo, and Mary will take it to be scanned and re-matted.

**History Room Docents** – Lindy provided a schedule on which people can sign up for a shift in the history room during the summer.

**Internal Financial Audit** – Mary requested that the board do an internal financial audit. To her knowledge one has never been done.

**Membership in NH Old Graveyard Association** – This was suggested by Mary, and Nola wanted to do more research. We will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Membership in the NH Preservation Alliance** – Mary moved, and the Board approved, that we sign up for a \$50 membership. The Alliance could be very helpful should we apply for a grant at any time in the future.

**By-laws issues** – With regard to Article V of the by-laws, Liz has discovered that we are not currently compliant with Article 5 of the by-laws, in that our Immediate Past President is also currently serving as one of the voting members of the Board of Directors. According to State guidelines, no one can serve in two positions. Lindy therefore moved, and the Board approved, that we become compliant with the current by-laws by asking Marc Davis to resign from the Board to assume the position of Immediate Past President only. As a result, Marc wrote a letter to Liz Kirby resigning from the Board of Directors and assuming the Past President role. This makes us compliant with Article V.

Our by-laws do not stipulate a procedure to replace a vacancy in an office or on the Board of Directors, so the Board will decide how this will be done at this time.

Starting in August, we will need to review carefully and update the by-laws. The revised by-laws should be ready to present to the membership for action/acceptance at our next Annual Meeting in the fall of 2018.

**Recruiting New Board members** – at our next meeting, Board members should come with nominations for candidates for the current vacancy on the WHS Board of Directors.

Next Board Meeting will be at the Wilmot Firehouse on June 14 at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judith Hauck, secretary