

Wilmot Historical Society Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting of September 20, 2019

The Wilmot Historical Society Board met on the lawn at the Town Office Building on Sept. 20 with the following persons present: Vice-President Lindy Heim, Treasurer Mary Fanelli, Directors Catherine Stearns and Nola Aldrich, and Past-president Marc Davis. Janet Howe attended as acting Secretary.

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Vice-President Heim.

Approval of minutes of July meeting was postponed due to the lack of quorum.

Treasurer - Mary reported receipt of \$61 from sales of merchandise from this summer's travelling booth. Her report as of August 30, 2019 was as follows: Mascoma balance \$18,162.67; Ledyard checking \$6,489.10; Ledyard money-market \$25,006.27. She pointed out that the \$3,000 expenses paid to Theresa Chamberlain for her videos of Barbara Sanborn and May Jones included transcriptions.

Members to date - 105.

It was noted that, for the sake of transparency, non-profits are to post their 990 numbers. Mary will put it on the website when she posts the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Bandstand supper of July 29: Mary will report on the final tally of funds raised at the supper at next meeting. An evaluation of the WHS's participation in this event will take place once the numbers are analyzed. If participation is to continue, it was recommended that someone be in charge of submitting the final report.

Curiosity Shop: Lindy read her report (attached). Thanks to Lindy for spearheading this important fund-raiser.

Andover and Salisbury fairs: Cathy reported that she and Liz Kirby talked to a lot of people, got some great pieces of history, and felt it provided great exposure for the WHS.

Feasibility study will carry over

Video activity: Lindy reported that the two latest ones with May Jones and Barbara Sanborn required two separate recording sessions. Two others are in the pipeline: Siblings Chuck Thompson and Liz Kirby, and Tootie Fleury.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections: To be held at annual meeting on Nov. 10

Vice-President: Lindy resigned as Vice-President as of the annual meeting but is willing to stay on Board. Catherine Stearns was asked to consider becoming Vice-President - a one-year term. Question was raised as to responsibility. Mary found job descriptions, and Catherine will decide closer to the November meeting.

Directors: Nancy Bates and Nola Aldrich's terms end this November. Hopefully they will accept another term.

Secretary: We will have to work on finding a new secretary.

Program for Annual meeting: Fred submitted suggestions for the Cracker Barrel in November. Fred will be asked to moderate this event.

By-laws up-dates: Janet reviewed the rationale for the Board being set up as it is. She suggested that in order to widen the pool of people on the Board, any one person should not be filling two positions. The Past-president position was discussed. Mary will distribute a copy of the

current (2012) by-laws to the Board members for their review/suggestions for change. A small committee will be formed to propose any revisions to the Board in time for them to be voted on at the November annual meeting.

Soldiers monument: Marc has looked into a solar option for the monument and he considers it to be a doable option and should be considered. Estimated cost \$200. Biggest problem is getting a lift to install the panel. Nola noted that a solar light on the pole is another option.

Archives Training for Volunteers: Marc read a flyer from the NH Archives Group announcing a workshop on Thursday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Nashua Historical Society. He and Ann Davis and Catherine will attend. WHS will reimburse attendees

Acquisition: The estate of Donald Hall has donated a copy of the Town's Annual Report of 1993 with a poem which he and Jane Kenyon wrote on the cover. Lindy made copies of the poem. The Annual Report will be added to our collection.

Collection space: Mary wants the WHS to consider renting a space for the collection rather than owning a building. It was agreed by those present that it should be located in either of the villages and should be climate-controlled. Parking availability is to be considered. Marc pointed out the necessity of raising significant money to pay the monthly expenses of rent. It was agreed to be thinking about it as a better option than owning a building. Further discussion will be held over until next meeting.

Lindy reviewed the action item list and will distribute it along with these minutes to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Howe, Secretary pro tem

NEXT MEETING - FRI. OCT. 18 - 1-3 P.M. - TOWN OFFICE