

**Wilmot Historical Society**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 21, 2021**

**Note:** Our chair, Liz Kirby, was having computer problems, so we start the meeting around 1:10 while Liz traveled down to Mary's house to attend meeting on Zoom.

**Call to order:**

Present: Nola Aldrich, Bill Chaisson, Marc Davis, Mary Fanelli, Lindy Heim, Liz Kirby, Julie Morse, Fred Ogmundson, Catherine Stearns. Excused: Judy Hauck.

**Minutes:** March 17, 2021 - Lindy made a motion to accept and Marc seconded. Unanimous.

**Treasurer's report as of March 31:**

Mascoma: \$5,000  
Ledyard: \$2,959.71 checking  
\$35,217.41 Money Market (\$21,153 bldg. fund and \$1,970.28 Memorial Fund)  
Total assets: \$43,177.12  
No expenses in March

**Membership:** 123 as of April 21

BOD Dues Reminder - all but one board member have paid dues.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Video history progress — Three of the Thompson video segments from last fall had to be redone. Two have been finished, the third will be done this weekend. The Stevens video is almost done.
- Audio transcriptions — Several transcriptions have been given to various people to edit. The final transcriptions will be given to Fred Ogmundson to make sure names of people and places are correct.
- Boston Post Cane Policy Revisions – Liz Mary to update
- Search for new Board Members: done
- Reissue Cap LeVarn's book – Judy to do index. We need to give Mascoma credit in the reissue for funding this project. Photos needed: Bill has photo of Cap LeVarn, which we would like to include. Two original photos missing—Fred has copy of North Road School. Just need Winslow house. We received a Mascoma Bank grant for \$750 to republish. Judy will work on making an index.
- Scrapbooking: All are encouraged to continue to clip articles to give to Julie at some point.
- Acquisitions Committee— cemetery trustees are doing a big project requiring old obituaries. Al Price and Marc will try to scan them.
- Marc will work with Walter Walker on acquiring access to glass plates for copying. Marc suggested giving credit to the family if Walter gives or loans the plates.
- Create historical marker signposts for Billy Buskins grave and old Tannery on Village Road. Marc will look into seeing what it would cost for us to do this. State only pays for historical markers on state roads.

- Liz reported that a photo of a postmistress from 1922 currently hanging in the post office belongs to WHS. The postal manager, Jason, has other photos that he found in the back of the PO that belong to the WHS. Catherine and Marc will talk to Jason about retrieving them.

- WHS BOD Secretary/Treasurer Position - For the moment, Mary will take care of both. Once Bill Chaisson is acclimated to the board, she hopes that he might take over the taking of minutes.

### **Plans for Memorial Day/Soldiers Monument program – 29 May 2021 at 2 PM.**

We will add to the PR materials that people are asked to bring their own chairs. Phil Nicolson from fire department will also provide chairs. Covid19 guidelines will be observed (masks and social distancing).

- Liz spoke to Meghan about insurance
- pavers need to be reset. - Mary will find someone.
- Garden Club will trim junipers.
- Need two 10 x 10 tents - Bill will check in shed.
- Marc will get generator. Need separate tent.
- Caroline Fairless will do a tableau: One group putting wreath on Monument and one in the river.
- Ask Jim Sims for PA system.
- Parking - WCA and Church and town office. - Bill Chaisson will call.
- Music - Fred Ogmundson is in charge, Will Ogmundson is going to perform plus other possibilities soloists.
- MC - Mary Jane Ogmundson
- Permit from BOS for May 29 function with proof of liability insurance – Liz

- Intertown Record Summer Guide Historical Room— 1) History room will be open by appointment only. Liz asked to have phone numbers publicized. 2) Curiosity Shop will be open 9 - noon on July 24 at the Wilmot Farmers Market.\

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- There are five hard cover books in the Town Clerk's office that were taken out of the vault in the town hall because they were degrading. The Mormon's had made copies of all these historical documents some years ago, but they are stored in their vaults in Granite Mountain. We would like to have better access, but books cannot leave town office, so it was recommended that we photograph them on site. Marc, Catherine and Julie will look into this project.

- 1920 - town history genealogy was written as a large part of town history. Copies of genealogy are in the history room, but originals are with Walter Walker. Fred also has a copy.

Adjournment was at 2:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting: 19 May 2021 in gazebo on town green.**