

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes
May 19, 2021
Wilmot Bandstand/Gazebo

President Liz Kirby called the meeting to order at 1:07

Present were Marc Davis, Lindy Heim, Mary Fanelli, Catherine Stearns, and Fred Ogmundson. (Nola Aldrich, Julie Morse and Judy Hauck were excused.) Absent: Bill Chaisson

Minutes: April 21, 2021 minutes were accepted as last published via email.

Treasurer's report with Membership:

Ledyard BankChecking: \$1,379.71
MM: \$43,218.94 (Includes \$1,970.28 - Mem Fnd; \$21,153 - Bldg Fnd)
Mascoma Checking: \$5,000
Total cash assets: \$49,598.65

Membership to date: 125

Donations from membership renewals: \$3,905

Grants: \$750 Mascoma Bank and \$4,500 Barnard Foundation.

Old business:

Oral history progress – Liz visited Toots Fleury and her brother Duke Evans who have agreed to be interviewed at Duke's residence sometime in the future.. The transcription of the Stevens video is not finished but the video is up on the new website (that is not live yet). All the Thompson raw footage has been sent to our video person for processing. Our video production professional is currently working on the Jim Rayno video and will check the Thompson videos for sound quality this weekend.

Website - Mary will keep after Paul Carnevale to make the new website live.

Reissue Cap's books – Judy working on index. Catherine is looking for Winslow house photo and will check in Max Campbell's trunk in the history room.

Acquisitions committee - Marc, Catherine, Julie

Glass plate negatives have been borrowed from Walter Walker - Marc and Catherine are meeting with Jim Perkins to find out how to clean the glass plates. Marc has a donation from the Curiosity Shop of old glass plates and cameras for use when we exhibit Walter's glass plates.

Cemetery Trustees obit project - Nothing done yet.

Pictures from Post Office - Marc will get with Jason to remove photos found in the back of PO office.

Historical Markers - Marc will talk to Jim Perkins of New London as they have purchased some for their town.

Old Town Record books digitization - Lisa Lamson, town clerk is responsible. Nothing has been done yet with the five journals that were removed from the safe in the town hall.

Boston Post Cane Policy Revisions – Liz & Mary working on it.

Scrapbook creation – Collect clippings - Liz and Julie

New Business:

The Hall property is now a non-profit known as "At Eagle Pond, Inc." Mary made a motion to give \$500 to the project. Lindy seconded the motion. After a short discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce - <https://www.sunapeeartsatlas.org/> - held to next month

Town Hall Restoration - Mary gave an update on the latest activities of the Facilities Committee and their efforts to procure a grant from LCHIP for the town hall restoration project. The plan to raise the town hall out of the 500-year flood was approved at Town Meeting last week, and the project was accepted by LCHIP for submission for a grant for this year. One important part of the grant application is the support from the community, which the WHS had committed to previously. The Town's ability to pay their share is vital. Monetary pledges from the community will go a long way to showing support. Lindy made a motion to pledge \$10,000 and Mary seconded the motion. There was some discussion about the amount, and it was pointed out that we have \$20,000 in our bank accounts that is not earmarked for any project. It was also pointed out that this is a building of historical importance to the town that could be more fully used if restored. Our donation will also set an example for others.

Veterans Memorial Pavers - Mary enlisted the help of Robbie Cohen who lives across from the Memorial and reset about 20 pavers that had sunk due to erosion from ant activity under the pavers. Mary felt that resetting the pavers is more a job for someone who really knows what they are doing. She made a motion to hire Marc Berry, a neighbor and stone mason who has done work for us before, if we need any more work done on the pavers. Catherine made a motion to hire Marc when needed. Lindy seconded the motion. Unanimous decision. Mary then suggested that we ask the town to spray for ants each year to prevent more erosion under the pavers. She will talk to the town administrator about it.

Veterans Memorial Junipers – Members of the Garden Club clipped back the juniper bushes so that the carved letters on the liner stones would be visible. They were rained out before they finished so they will go back another time.

Plan for Memorial Day/Soldiers Monument program – 29 May 2021 at 2 PM

- Liz went over the whole program that she had put together. A few things are not ironed out yet such a someone to give the benediction and the choice of an MC. The only thing the board felt should be removed was the singing of the anthems of each branch of the service. Will Ogmundson put together a musical medley instead.
- Liz explained the tableau that will be created by Caroline Fairless. Jonathan Fowler will sing America the beautiful.
- Brian McCarthy will provide PA system and run it. Catherine will bring extension cords and Fred has some too if needed.
- Bill Chaisson has gotten permission to park at the WCA the Baptist Church, and the town office if necessary. Parking ok at WTO, WCA, Baptist Church? Bill contacted it's ok
- Fire department is on board to help out with chairs and parking. The new chief of police, Duncan Domey will be there. He will get no parking signs.
- Liz would like everyone to be there by 12:15 to get set up.
- Mary will bring forms for purchasing pavers.

Other Business:

PR - Lindy reported that she is posting all our activities on the W.O.W. Facebook page and listed the May 29th event and the July 24th Curiosity Shop as events.. She also sent out the Memorial celebration press release to all news outlets and calendars. Mary will send out a MailChimp.

Sue Ade has some Wilmot-related historical materials she would like to personally present to the WHS. Sue will be in Wilmot Tuesday the 25th and Catherine and Marc have agreed to meet with her.

Adjournment - 3:15

Next Meeting: 16 June 2021 (Pres will be out of town)