

**Wilmot Historical Society  
Minutes  
July 21, 2021  
WPL Creativity Lab**

**Call to order by President Liz Kirby: 1 PM**

In attendance: Nola Aldrich, Judy Hauck, Mary Fanelli, Catherine Stearns, Lindy Heim, Marc Davis and Julie Morse.

Absent: Bill Chaisson and Fred Ogmundson.

**Minutes:** May 19, 2021 minutes accepted as distributed

**Treasurer's report with Membership:**

Mascoma Bank: \$5,000

Ledyard Bank: \$467.71 checking

\$43,222.55 Money Market (\$1,970 Mem. Fund; \$21,153 Bldg. Fund)

Total Cash assets: \$48,690.26 (\$10,000 pledged to Town Hall project)

**Total Membership to date:** 125

Report accepted.

**Old business:**

**Oral/Video history progress**

Liz talked to Duke Evans and Tootie Fleury. They are both on board to do a video interview.

Fred to edit audio transcriptions – Lindy to give Fred hard copies to finalize editing.

**Reissue Cap Levarn's book** – Judy is still working on indexing. She is 2/3 done. Mascoma Bank, who funded this project through a grant, has been updated on her progress.

**Acquisitions committee:** Sue Ade, a descendent of the Bunkers, gave the WHS a lot of historical photos and documents related to Nancy Langley's house on Bunker Hill Road. Both Bunkers and Langleys have lived in this house over the years. Catherine has put all the materials into a notebook. Sue gave all historic materials in her possession to the WHS.

**Glass Plate Negatives - Marc**

We have glass negatives that are not stored properly. Marc needs materials to properly store them. He asked for approval to spend \$300 on these materials. NL archivist Jim Perkins will take photos after they are cleaned and not charge if we give him copies of negatives. These are from Fred Goodhue in 1900. There are approximately 125/150 negatives. Marc is not going to get these negatives yet. Marc will check with Nate to make sure it is ok to borrow them. Marc

has a letter of provenance from Walter stating they are property of the Town's history committee. They are not identified yet. This will be done after the negatives are developed. WHS will have to find a location to store the glass negatives. Lindy moved that we authorize Marc to spend up to \$500. Nola 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

**Boston Post Cane Policy Revisions** – Liz & Mary circulated a draft of the revision of the Boston Post Cane guidelines. Of note is the last item that deals with the issue of the oldest person not wanting to accept the cane. Revised policy was accepted.

**Veterans Memorial Pavers** – ant problem. Mary – will look into having the ant hills treated. Will ask the town's landscaper.

**Curiosity Shop** – Lindy is set for the curiosity shop this weekend July 24. Catherine and Liz will hand out the Home to the Mountain.

**Other reports** - Memorial Day celebration has lots of good feedback. Children were a big hit.

#### **New Business:**

- Should we donate to Sunapee Arts? All will look at the Sunapee Arts website and we will decide at our next meeting whether or not to donate to them. Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce - <https://www.sunapeeartsatlas.org/>
- Storage Issues - Catherine Look into a storage unit for extra stuff to clean up the history room. Items that need storage are: books from town hall attic; Brady House items; and more. We need waterproof storage for documents. For permanent storage a separate small building would be ideal. Liz will look into this.
- Venue for future meetings: WCA's terms of use not acceptable for our purposes. Mary is to ask for two keys to the history room for board members from the town administrator. Secretary to send a letter to the BOS. President will be responsible for both keys.
- September 4 – Liz would like to have the History Room open to the public. Room needs to be cleaned. We will decide on Aug 16 if feasible. We would like to be open Saturday mornings open to the public during the WFM.
- Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in the town office, when it is closed. 1 – 3 p.m.
- Two 12 x 12 pavers have been ordered by Florence Gove. One for Octavia Stearns and one for Channing Sawyer. Julie, Catherine and Liz to decide the text.
- “With Prayer and Psalm” books have been requested by Janet for the UCC church new members. Catherine and Liz will see how many are left in our inventory. A new inventory will be done of all of Florence Langley books.
- Wilmot Town reports – We should have a whole set in the history room and a separate set for storage. We should also digitize a full set of town reports to have on line.

### **Other Business:**

**Salisbury Old Home Day** - Catherine and Liz will have a table on Sat. August 7 from 9 – 4. Need someone to come in on the middle of the day. Judy might be able to come in and spell whoever is setting up.

### **Program for Annual Meeting**

Steve Taylor may do the sheep shearing program in the fall. Mary to call to see when we can use town hall Oct 17 or 24.

Adjourn 2:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** 16 August 2021

### **Action Items 07/21/21**

- The Evans/Fleury oral history project is temporarily on hold due to injury.
- **Lindy** and **Fred** will meet so that Fred can edit the audio transcriptions.
- **Judy** is making steady progress on the index for the reissue of Cap's book.
- **Marc** is preparing for the cleaning and storage of the Goodhue glass negatives. At some point he will discuss the issue with Walter's family.
- **Marc** will obtain from the Postmaster the photos that the WHS has stored in the post office.
- **Marc** will consult with Jim Perkins about historical markers.
- **Catherine** and **Marc** will talk with Lisa Lamson about digitizing the old record books stored in the Town Clerk's Office.
- **Scrapbooking** will take place at a later date.
- **Mary** will send a letter to the Select Board to inquire about obtaining a key to the town office building for access to the History Room as needed.
- **Julie, Catherine** and **Liz** to plan the wording for the Channing Sawyer and Octavia Stearns pavers requested by Florence Gove.
- **Mary** will inquire when Town Hall can be used for annual meeting - probably October 17 or 24. Will contact Fred about arranging a WHS fall program for the annual meeting October 17 or 24.
- **Mary** will look into the issue of the paver-disrupting ants.
- **Liz** and **Catherine** will take inventory of Fannie Langley's books.
- **Liz** will look into storage options.