

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes
August 16, 2021

Call to order by President Liz Kirby: 1.07 PM at 115 Village Road

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

Excused: Fred Ogmundson.

Minutes: July 16, 2021 minutes accepted with corrections.

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: 126

Old business:

- Oral history progress – Judy and Lindy – Liz re Evans/Fleury (on hold for health issues)
- Fred – continues to edit audio transcriptions
- Reissue Cap's books – Judy has finished the index for the book. Costs for hardcover range from \$916 to \$600 (\$12.80/book from Lulu for 50) There was discussion about whether to use as a handout. Judy was asked to put a "note" at the end of this new edition to explain any changes and the new index. Catherine to send Judy the mistakes that she would like to see corrected. Bill asked if we were going to redesign the book. Perhaps a different color cover. Judy needs photos. Bill will help with new design.
- Acquisitions committee: Marc has had the glass plate negatives cleaned with the help of NL archivist Jim Perkins. Marc has photos of all 150 negatives. Some might not be useable. Nancy Dutton gave Marc a name to find out about software to spruce up the negatives. Ultimately, Marc would like to put negatives and positives of originals on the web.
- Old Town Record books that were MICROFILMED by the Mormons.– 5 Books (town clerk) Copies would be difficult to obtain from them. Liz and Catherine are members of the Town History Committee and will talk to the town clerk about getting copies.
- Veterans Memorial Pavers disruption (ants) - Mary had Mike Fowler Pest Control look at the ant situation at the Memorial. It was recommended that the area be made less acidic. Mary will ask Travis Perkins to test the soil and lime accordingly. Lindy made a motion to spend up to \$500 to lime and put down ant control. July 2nd. Motion passed.
- Curiosity Shop – Lindy submitted her 2021 report (see attached). The last Curiosity Shop was on July 24. She has a contract with Prospect Hill to sell wrought iron lawn furniture that were left over. Two handmade chairs from Jon Morse's family are left as well. She suggested doing a small shop at the elections. Everyone thanked Lindy. We decided we want to keep the Curiosity Shop "brand name" for the WHS and not hand it over to anyone else. Lindy will contact the WFM to see if they would allow other non-profits to use the space that we had been using next to the town office in order to conduct fundraisers.
- New Pavers – Julie, Catherine and Liz will get together to decide the text to go on two pavers that were funded by Florence Gove.
- Salisbury Old Home Day – Liz took ill so she and Catherine did not attend the event.

New Business:

- Storage Issues – Liz rented a temperature-controlled space - Unit “I” - for \$130/mo. at FloorCraft. Lindy asked if there is critter control. All materials should be put in plastic bins. Catherine has put some things in already. A list should be made of everything in storage and copies kept both in storage space and in history room.

Brian McCarthy and team will help take the books and stuff out of the town hall attic and put in the storage unit. Catherine will take care of contacting him. Bill will get the box marked for the historical society from the vault in the town hall and bring it to the history room. Bill will also get the key to the hall when needed to remove books from attic.

Lindy moved to assume the rental of Unit I at Storage Place for \$130/mo. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

- New building – Lindy suggested that we get a prefab for the WHS to put on the Brady property. Mary felt that this needed to be researched in committee. Julie, Catherine, and Bill offered to be on the committee. Mary will serve as temporary chair. Brian McCarthy was suggested for this committee as well.
- Meeting space – Liz asked WCA to use the building for our meetings. There is no charge to non-profits.
- Access to History room request response - Liz read Meghan’s response to our request to have access to the town office and our space. Meghan asked that we come to a regular meeting and outline details of the request. Catherine has gotten most of the original documents from the 70s. Bill will assist in putting a document together if needed. It was suggested that we ask past president Janet Howe to attend the meeting with the BOS as she may have info on the deal that was made with the Town and the WHS when the old schoolhouse was renovated.
- Post Office window – Lindy notified the board that the PO windows are open Jan, Feb, March, Apr. if we want to use one of them. Judy offered to set up the window with some help. Judy and Lindy will decide what to put it in. No month was chosen yet.
- WHS collection of Wilmot Town Reports – Liz has almost a complete collection of Town Reports and has more in her closet from Barbara Sanborn. Bill reports there are more in the vault. Liz is hoping to complete the collection from these two last sources.
- Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce – decision is not to grant request for monetary support.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30p.m.

Next Meeting: 3rd Wed is Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 1 p.m.

2021 Curiosity Shop
July 24, 2021

We had so many wonderful treasures spread out on the town green that we netted \$1,027 during the 3 hours the Shop was open for business at the Wilmot Farmers Market on Saturday, July 24, 2021. We even sold a couple of leftover items during the extended sale that evening during the bandstand concert! The fabulous vintage outdoor loungers are presently on sale at Prospect Hill Antiques at their shop in Sunapee. Hopefully they will sell before the season is over. The only expense realized was the \$20 fee to participate in the WFM.

A huge THANKYOU was sent out to the 10 individuals donating curiosities to the Shop. Wonderful things people who came from near and far didn't know they needed or wanted allowed this year's Shop to be so successful. Our teams of muscle men, checkout and sales people and the Liz and Catherine team giving away Wilmot history books made everything seem exciting and fun. 14 year old Haydn Brown passed around goodies from the concession, lift things and help customers; Judy, Margaret, Nancy, Sandy and I pushed sales (who knew those scarves would be so popular!); Gary, Clifford, Craig and John dealt with the tables and endless boxes at set up and take down; Catherine, Liz, Margaret, Judy, Sandy, Margaret, John, Fred and Mary Jane packed us up so the Ladies Aid could make use of our leftovers for their yard sale on Aug. 28th, same time and place.

However, our trusty volunteer staff went home to their medicine cabinets or even to bed after the long day sending a message that it is time to retire this project at least for this gang. If another group would like to convene to take it over the project on behalf of the WHS, that is fine. If not, perhaps the WFM would be interested in offering the same space once, twice or weekly to nonprofits wanting to use our successful formula to do some fundraising of their own.

We saved just a few things that might be sold during the Annual Meeting in October and possibly during public events over the Winter and Spring. They are in my barn till mid-November, then will need a new home.

Thanks for all the fun times over the past 10 years of hosting the Curiosity Shop!

Cheers, Lindy