

Wilmot Historical Society - Minutes - September 15, 2015, 1 p.m.

Wilmot Community Association

Present: Liz Kirby, Catherine Stearns, Judy Hauck, Lindy Heim, Nola Aldrich, Julie Morse, Mary Fanelli, Bill Chaisson

Minutes of August 16, 2021 meeting

- Liz Kirby had some amendments to the minutes: the Mormons *microfilmed* the local documents, didn't digitized them, and they were difficult to access; the WHS had removed items from the *attic* of the town hall, not the town hall proper; an agreement had been signed with the WCA to loan and display historical posters and Liz had mailed it to board members.
- Vote to accept the minutes as amended: all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report - Mary Fanelli

- Balance is \$48,709.44, which earned \$1.86 interest.
- Expenses were largely office supplies: computer memory; new used iMac; services of Paul Carnevale; year's rent paid on storage unit; reimbursement to Marc Davis for glass plates cleaning materials.
- Lindy asked that the amount pledged to the town hall project and the building fund be Included in parentheses after the balance reported because it is not available to spend. Mary agreed to do so at future meetings.
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report: all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Oral History project

- Candidates for interviews were not well, so there has been no progress. No one has been in touch with Theresa to check on progress with production.
- Fred Ogmundson has done audio transcriptions and will drop them at Lindy's. Judy and Mary offered to edit them over the winter.

New website

- *Action item:* Mary will get in touch with Paul Carnevale Jr. to urge him to complete transfer of information from old to new site. Liz noted that the driving tours are missing.

Publications

- Judy has completed the index for the new edition of the Casper LeVarn Wilmot history. Bill offered to re-design it so as to give it a different appearance and perhaps encourage more people to buy a new copy. Judy will send the Word file to Bill.
- Judy suggested reprinting the “Sarah of Wilmot” narrative as a fundraising item. Bill will look into subjecting it to optical scanning in order to make it editable before the annual meeting in October.
- Judy has finished pulling together “Travels of the Wilmot Library,” a history of the library.

Moving artifacts to storage unit

- All WHS material moved from town hall attic to storage unit.
- Everything in Lindy’s barn has also been moved to the storage unit or will be available for sale at the annual meeting, except the clothing the education collection.
- 1810 restored chairs from John Morse’s family. There was a motion to contact Mary Lyn Ray about donating these to Eagle Pond LLC. Julie will do this. All were in favor.

Post office window

- Lindy and Judy will use items from the education collection in the window. They are meant to be touched and used. They will also use a leather trunk from Joyce Tawney. Clothing will be rotated once a week to avoid bleaching out the color in the sun.

BOS meeting

- The WHS now has two keys to the town offices and a security code for the alarm system.

Annual meeting

- It will be held at the Wilmot Town Hall, Sunday, October 24, noon to 4 p.m. Meeting proper begins at 1 p.m.
- Get pamphlets ready to sell.

- Mary will contact Steve Taylor re: speaking about sheep farming.
- Officers will be elected at the meeting: Catherine, Mary, and Judy's terms expired last year during the pandemic and they will stand for 2-year terms; Liz, Julie, and Fred Ögmundson's terms will expire this year and they will stand for 3-year terms. Lindy announced that she will step down from the board.
- Lindy's announcement prompted discussion as to where to find new board members. The board wanted someone to move forward the project of finding a WHS dedicated space for meetings, storage, and historical displays.
- Bill mentioned that the town had just deeded the "pink house" on Route 4A; it is a possible location for a WHS building; the existing building is a tear-down. Julie said the foundation is wet.

NEW BUSINESS

New meeting schedule

- Going forward, meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month at the Wilmot Town Offices at 5 p.m. Mary made the motion to change the meeting time; Judy seconded. All were in favor.

Displays at farmers' market

- Planned for the last two markets of the year to have the history room open for visitors. Judy volunteered to help Catherine and Liz to clean up the history room on the Friday before.

Genealogy committee

- Liz suggested this new committee and will ask Carolyn Rayno if she would like to co-chair it. Mary made the motion to form the committee; Judy seconded. All were in favor.
- Someone suggested collaborating with the Wilmot Public Library to provide access to a genealogy site over the internet.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill; seconded by Nola. All were in favor.