

**WILMOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SPECIAL MEETING OF FULL MEMBERSHIP
APRIL 15, 2018**

The Wilmot Historical Society held a Special Meeting on April 15 to gauge the membership's reaction to the idea of our acquiring or leasing a property where the Historical Society would have sufficient space to properly display its collection (as defined in its by-laws).

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by President, Liz Kirby. With a membership of 99, 23 members were present which constituted a quorum of over one-fifth of the membership as required.

The WHS Board of Directors and special guests were introduced.

Both Becky Rylander, President of the Sunapee Historical Society, and Jesse Schust, President of the Andover Historical Society provided information about the costs and responsibilities of owning and leasing their properties.

Several members weighed in with questions and suggestions which included:

- The Board should create a detailed description of the specifications for the property and/or building, including financing, being considered and present this to the whole membership before going forward with any decisions on leasing or acquiring a property.
- The plan could possibly be presented to the membership at the upcoming May 6 program and sent by email to all members.
- After this information is provided, there are two additional questions to be answered:
 - 1) What actions the Board should be authorized to take independently of the whole membership should a property become available?
 - 2) Should representatives from the general membership participate with the board members on a building/acquisition committee?

The membership voted as follows:

- 1) To support the rental from the Town of Wilmot, or the purchase or lease with option to buy of a building and/or property to properly preserve, maintain and display its collections.
- 2) If the Wilmot Historical Society should acquire land or a building by any method, it would be acceptable for the Society to become a landlord in order to provide rental income.
- 3) The membership is agreeable to WHS' Board of Directors cooperating with the Town of Wilmot's Board of Selectmen should the Town have appropriate/larger space to share.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hauck