

## **Wilmot Historical Society**

### **Minutes**

**June 8, 2023**

President Liz Kirby called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present were Catherine Stearns, Heather Mather, Mary Fanelli, Judy Hauck, and Bruce Sanborn

Absent: Nola Aldrich, Julie Morse, Fred Ogmundson, Marc Davis, and Carolyn Rayno.

MINUTES FROM 11 MAY 2023 were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as distributed. Full report attached.

Total cash assets: \$39,392.48

Encumbered: \$33,845.56

Unencumbered: \$5,546.92

### **Ongoing Projects**

**Matthews tapes** – Catherine and Liz will report at next meeting

**History of Industry on Kimpton Brook** – Judy brought the map she created showing where the industries were on Kimpton Brook.

**Original Tax Payers' Genealogies project** – Bruce will not be able to work on this for some time

**LeVarn Book** – Bill made the changes that were suggested regarding color of text and cover for the book. He has ordered one copy to make sure that the changes are what we want.

### **OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM LIST**

**Oral History - Financing** – Mary hasn't heard from Barnard Foundation, but expects to get something before too long. She is confident that we will be awarded some monies.

### **Acquisitions Committee**

- Catherine read the letter Edith Campbell wrote to Walter Walker on October 31, 1972, in which she resigned from the Wilmot Town History Committee due to health reasons. Walter has expressed a desire to resign from it now also.
- The Select Board dissolved the Wilmot Town History Committee at their last meeting, stating that with the publication of Casper LeVarn's history in 1956 and the bicentennial book in 2007, the committee's original (1916) mission was completed. Catherine explained to the board that LeVarn's book was being republished with an index and the genealogy component of the history was not done in 1916 through 1922 as planned. The Wilmot Historical Society is considering working on that. The genealogy component was not mentioned in the original town warrant article in 1916 so it is not at issue now. The Select Board stated the remaining funds in the Wilmot Town History Committee account will be transferred to the town general account. If the WHS needs funds to continue these projects, they can request them from the town.
- the Bi Centennial books were published.
- The 4-drawer file cabinet and printer was moved to the storage unit.
- Heather has digitized put on the computer pdfs 3 diaries of Simon Grace 1893; 1894 and 1900. Found photos of Proctor grads and put names to them.

**Genealogy Committee** –The genealogy committee meets regularly and recently was able to identify the people in a number of pictures we received from Walter Walker.

### **Bandstand Supper August 12th 2023 – Mary & Sara**

We decided that Sara might not be able to organize the supper all by herself as she is not familiar with what we have done in the past. We need to organize a committee to help her. Heather said she would bake something. We thought we would ask Karen Hanson if she would like to help out. It was decided that the mac and cheese and coleslaw that we had last year was well received, so we will do that again. Mary will send out a Mailchimp to solicit desserts. We thought we would ask Joanne Franklin to use her beverage container again.

**Building Committee** – not much to report. The committee met on May 25. Judy, Bruce, Liz and Mary. The bottom line when we got finished discussing was that we need a plan both for the building and for the land at 14 N. Wilmot Road if we are going to ask the BOS for permission to build there. The logistics of a lease would have to be worked out. Ideally, we could incorporate climate controlled storage space both for the town's documents and for our own documents. Bruce was going to ask Sara Timberlake's husband if he would help us out with the plan. Bruce did not get a chance to contact him yet. Please send suggestions/ideas for WHS home to Mary.

**History Room** - Liz said that Catherine has done a great job putting the room in order to open to the public on June 17. She will have notebooks with information about the items in the room. History Room and Farmers Market dates are June 17th through Sept 30th. 16 Saturdays.

Mary said she would make a Docent Signup sheet. Docents are needed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Visits to nearby Historical Societies**—Liz reported that she has visited several nearby local historical societies and was impressed with some of their buildings. She said that Springfield offered to help us in any way they can with our plans to build our building. Liz feels it would be good for board members to see what other societies have done and how they have organized their space.

**Board member meeting absence problem** —Mary brought up the fact that we have a potential for having a problem getting a quorum for meetings as some of our board members have not been attending. She suggested putting some language in the bylaws that would deal with members who are absent a lot. Some suggested text is: Any board member, who, without just reasons, fails to attend three consecutive meetings, shall be removed from the board by majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Liz suggested that we also put in some language that would allow meetings by phone or other electronic device. Some suggested text would be: The Directors may hold a meeting by conference telephone or similar communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.

**Shutterfly Account** - Mary said she would check on the WHS Shutterfly account.

**Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair** - Liz wanted to know if anyone was interested in setting up a table there. The Fair is either the first or second Sunday in August.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – 13 July 2023 5 PM @ WTO

Genealogy Committee – Wednesday, 21 June 2003, 6:30 PM @ WHS room.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Fanelli, secretary

<b>WHS Treasurer's Report - June 2023 (Fiscal Year Month 8)</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	\$ 440.00
Donations	\$ 3,651.00
Books	\$ 23.00
Interest	\$ 52.58
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 4,166.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Oral Histories	\$ 4,900.00
Dues/Fees	\$ 2,386.00
Print/Advertising	\$ 464.00
Equipment	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$ 190.19
Digitizing	\$ 45.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 8,185.19</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (4,018.61)</b>
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	
	\$ 39,392.48
<b>Encumbrances</b>	
Restricted Veteran's Memorial	\$ 1,942.56
Restricted Building Fund	\$ 21,153.00
Restricted Town Hall Project	\$ 10,000.00
Restricted Mascoma Book Grant	\$ 750.00
<b>Total Encumbered Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 33,845.56</b>
<b>Total Unencumbered Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 5,546.92</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Operating Checking	\$ 1,858.56
Money Market	\$ 4,438.36
6-Month CDs	\$ 33,095.56
<b>Total in Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 39,392.48</b>

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