

**Wilmot Historical Society**  
**Minutes**  
**May 11, 2023**

President Liz Kirby opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Present were: Heather Mather, treasurer, Catherine Stearns, vice-president, Mary Fanelli, secretary, Judy Hauck, Carolyn Rayno.

Absent: Julie Morse, Marc Davis, Fred Ogmundson, Nola Aldrich, and Bruce Sanborn

Guests: Karen Hanson. Sarah Timberlake,

**Minutes**

The minutes from April 13, 2023 were accepted as distributed. All minutes can be found on the WHS website.

**Chair comments:** Liz asked that the following people be added to our meeting notification list.

Jeff and Bonnie Sanborn 74 Pancake St., Wilmot, NH 03287

Nancy Langley, 50 Bunker Hill, Wilmot, NH 03287

Our liability insurance annual payment is coming up. Liz asked if we really need it since we are not doing the Curiosity Shop any more. She asked Mary to send her the policy so she can read it.

**Treasurer's Report**

Our total cash assets as of this date are \$40,488.48. \$2,204.56 in checking; 5,188.36 in a Money Market; \$33,095.56 in a 6-months 5% CD. (see full report at end of minutes)

**Membership: 100 to date**

Sarah Timberlake, who works at Bar Harbor Bank, said she inquired about getting a grant for the WHS for any project they might have. Since we really don't have a firm estimate for what it will cost for a new home for the WHS, Liz suggested we might ask for the money to hire a consultant to put the project together for us. Mary made a motion to ask for grant funds from Bar Harbor to hire a consultant to research options and make recommendations for a new home. Liz seconded. There was discussion about how to find a consultant. Mary said she will ask Andrew Cushing, a specialist in restoration. Keith Barrett who is in development at Proctor is willing to help us as well. The idea is to get these two professionals together with the building committee and come up with a written plan to go forward with acquiring a new home for the WHS. A vote was taken. It passed unanimously.

**Ongoing Projects**

- Matthews tapes; original taxpayers' genealogies
- History of Industry on Kimpton Brook with map – Judy
- LeVarn Book - Mary

**Old Business & Committee Reports**

Oral Histories – Evans/Fleury video financing has been paid from our operating funds. Mary made application for a grant to the Barnard Foundation in hopes of covering the expense. No additional oral history interviews are planned at this time.

Acquisitions Committee – Violin – Bruce - Terry Moore said he would look at the violin.

W. Walker papers sorting progress – Catherine arrange to move the 4-drawer file cabinet to the storage unit to store papers safely.

Genealogy Committee – Working on sorting the Walker papers. Karen Hanson has been helping. There are many boxes of papers that will be stored. Catherine will keep a list in the history room of everything in them. Catherine is working on the Walker family and how it has been connected through the generations to both branches of the Langley family and how those connections relate to Wilmot. Bruce has been doing a lot of research on all the old Wilmot families and their genealogy, with trees that he is creating online and all Catherine's work is on paper. The finished product will be a combination of both of their efforts.

Building Committee — Liz asked that they meet to discuss how to go about coordinating the plans for a new home. She wanted more information on the 14 N. Wilmot Road property across from the town hall and library. Mary has the file and will send the map and any other pertinent info.

### **New Business**

- Farmers Market dates—June 17th to Sept 30th. 16 Saturdays. The history room will be open all those Saturdays. Please See Catherine or Liz if you wish to volunteer.
- Bandstand Supper — August 12, 2023 – Sara Timberlake offered to coordinate and asked Mary to send her some information about past suppers.

### **Other Business**

- Archives program in Laconia 17 May 23. Karen and Liz are going.
- Building Committee – Stearns School (not discussed).
- Liz reminded everyone to look at their calendars to plan to be docents in the history room on Saturday Mornings from June 17th on.
- Liz also asked everyone to write down ideas for possible plans for our new home.

**Next Genealogy Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM on 24 MAY 2023 at WHS history room.**

**Next Board Meeting – 8 June 2023 5 PM at the town office.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Fanelli, secretary

<b>WHS Treasurer's Report - May 2023 (Fiscal Year Month 7)</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	\$ 425.00
Donations	\$ 3,541.00
Books	\$ 23.00
Interest	\$ 52.58
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 4,041.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Oral Histories	\$ 4,900.00
Dues/Fees	\$ 1,915.00
Print/Advertising	\$ 464.00
Equipment	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$ 190.19
Digitizing	\$ 45.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 7,714.19</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (3,672.61)</b>
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	
	\$ 40,488.48
<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
<del>Oral History Reserve</del>	<del>\$ 2,600.00</del>
Liability Ins. Renewal	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Encumbered Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 36,945.56</b>
<del><b>Total Unencumbered Cash:</b></del>	<del><b>\$ 3,542.92</b></del>
<b>Total Unencumbered Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 6,142.92</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Operating Checking	\$ 2,204.56
Money Market	\$ 5,188.36
6-Month CDs	\$ 33,095.56
<b>Total in Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 40,488.48</b>

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\*Removed at 5/11 Meeting

\*Result of Removing Oral History Reserve