

Wilmot Historical Society Minutes  
Wilmot Town Office  
February 8th, 2024

Liz Kirby called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

In attendance were: Liz Kirby, Heather Mather, Catherine Stearns, Mary Fanelli, Julie Morse, Carolyn Rayno, Bruce Sanborn, Marc Davis, and Sara Timberlake.

**Minutes from January 11th, 2024. Accepted as amended.**

Annual dues of \$5.00 collected from a few board members. For those that did not pay yet, please plan to do so at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report-** Heather amending report to include \$10,000.00 placed in a CD. Want to keep the Walter Walker Fund separate to purchase something special to honor him. The Memorial Fund is not in a CD.

Heather Mather resigns as Treasurer. Bruce Sanborn kindly agrees to be the new Treasurer, motion passed by Board.

**Genealogy Committee Report-** Last meeting was January 25th, 2024.

Carolyn Rayno presented- When someone contacts historical society requesting information about relatives and ancestors it was suggested this be brought to the attention of the genealogy committee to weigh in and members can share knowledge. October is "Family History Month" and the committee is considering project ideas. The genealogy committee is delegating specific tasks to members to become more organized, ex/ transferring family history sheets into plastic sleeves for protection and easy access. Show and Tell, a time for sharing genealogical research and discoveries.

Wilmot Genealogy/Family History Project has the potential to be a published book. Ann Page Stecker will be contacted since she organized New London town history *Our Voices, Our Town- A History of New London New Hampshire 1950-2000*.

Next Genealogy Committee meeting at the Town Office Thursday 2/22 at 6:30 pm.

**Acquisitions Report-** New Items were presented by Catherine Stearns:

Letter from Arthur Thompson(via Allen Koop) about former pastor-Rev Bishop before church fire October 25th, 1943.

Liz Kirby mentioned her mother was the church clerk as of 1942.

## **Program Committee**

Liz Kirby and Carolyn Rayno presented-  
March 6th 7-9 pm Virtual Workshop- Statewide scavenger Hunt \$35.00 on EventBrite: 603  
History Hunt

Possibility for May program. Carolyn reported that she attended a very good program on Corbin Park in Croydon: Corbin's Animal Garden.

## **Technology Committee – Mary Fanelli**

It would cost about \$100 an hour for Paul Carnevale, Jr. to reorganize the WHS website. Vote passed to set aside \$300.00 for the website to be updated to Secretary's specifications.

## **Building Committee – Liz Kirby**

Public Meeting to show plans for the new building is this Tuesday 2/13 at 6:30pm in the lower level of the First Congregational Church. WHS to present a proposal for a new building to the public and put a warrant article into the 2024 budget. Sara Timberlake to create PowerPoint presentation for Liz Kirby to present to attendees. Barbara Chalmers from Sunapee Historical Society has agreed to present as well.

There will be a Building Committee Meeting at Sara Timberlake's house this Sunday 2/11 @ 1:00 to prepare for the public meeting.

## **New Business**

Boston Post Cane- Donald Paulsen born in 1926 is top contender, decision to be made before March 1st, 2024.

Meeting scheduled with Ledyard Bank to update signers for bank accounts and open a new account dedicated to the building fund. Pat Baker's endowment funds will be put into this new account.

**Other Business:** Next Board Meeting – Thursday March 7th at 5:30PM @ WTO

ADJOURNMENT 7:35pm

S, Timberlake