

Wilmot Historical Society Minutes
Wilmot Town Office
January 11th, 2024
As amended on February 8.

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

In attendance were: Heather Mather, Catherine Stearns, Mary Fanelli, Carolyn Rayno, Bruce Sanborn, Marc Davis, Julie Morse, and Sara Timberlake. Guest speaker Jonathan McNeal from Industrial Tower and Wireless was also present.

Minutes from December 14th, 2023. Accepted as amended.

Treasurer's report accepted as distributed

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

Liz Kirby mentioned all WHS Town History books to be sold at \$15.00 a book.

Jonathan McNeal from Industrial Tower & Wireless spoke about the plans to erect a tower on leased land from Russ Jewell. He asked if the Wilmot Historical Society knew if the property had any historical significance, and the board agreed to find out. No immediate issues were thought of at the time of the meeting. Questions were raised about the aesthetics of the tower because it will not have faux tree boughs attached to it due to wind resistance and damage. Point made the tower would bring better cellular service to the community.

Genealogy Committee Report- Last meeting was December 5th, 2023.

Heather Mather presented- It was found a previous Bradford NH Fire Chief was related to a previous Wilmot NH Police Chief. The Hurricane Map from 1938 was reviewed more deeply.

The Genealogy Committee as a group agreed to begin more structured meetings in the future rather than having the agenda driven by interesting side notes and discussion.

Next meeting at the Town Office January 25th at 6:30 pm.

Acquisitions Report- New Items were presented by Catherine Stearns:

Fishing Lures crafted from Chev Chase in Wilmot Flat
Photo of Heath Store
Portrait of Alvin Cross
Books of matches

James Emerson donated Large tapestry-like maps of NH and the Town of Wilmot from 1816 and 1825

Fred Ogmundson resigned from the WHS selectboard by word of mouth (rather than in writing) per Catherine Stearns, seconded by Liz Kirby.

New Business

Boston Post Cane needs a recipient. Catherine Stearns and Mary Fanelli will be advertising in the Intertown Record seeking the oldest resident of Wilmot. Birthdate should be before 1935. Information should be sent to PO Box and/or email address for WHS. Boston Cane will be issued by the end of February if the search is successful.

Open discussion regarding WHS Programs for 2024:

Board agreed there should be a fundraising aspect to all programs for the WHS Building Fund. Ideas for programs included setting up a program in May and a Wilmot Old Home Day in early fall.

Discussion around technology and updating WHS website, should the Board hire a web designer?

Delegation of Committees for 2024; website updated during meeting.

Oral Histories Committee to be excluded in 2024

Acquisitions/Preservation Committee- Marc Davis, Julie Morse, Catherine Stearns

Building Committee- Mary Fanelli, Judy Hauck, Bruce Sanborn, Julie Morse, Sara Timberlake

Fundraising Committee- Mary Fanelli and Sara Timberlake

Genealogy Committee- Liz Kirby, Heather Mather, Catherine Stearns, Karen Hanson, Carolyn Rayno, Bruce Sanborn, Dave Janas

Nominating Committee- Entire Board

Program Committee- Mary Fanelli, Julie Morse, Carolyn Rayno

Public Relations- Lindy Heim, Mary Fanelli

Technology- Mary Fanelli

Veterans Memorial- Liz Kirby, Bruce Sanborn, Mary Fanelli

Action Item List

Building Committee to meet Sunday at 1:00pm at Mary Fanelli's residence

Genealogy Committee to meet January 25th 2024 at the Town Office at 6:30pm

Boston Post Cane Advertising to be published.

Other Business: Next Board Meeting – Thursday February 8th at 5:30PM @ WTO

ADJOURNMENT 7:30pm

WHS Treasurer's Report - January 2024 (Fiscal Year Month 3)	
Income	
Dues	\$ 40.00
Donations	\$ 215.00
Grants	\$ 300.00
Books	\$ 115.00
Interest	\$ 17.87
Total Income:	\$ 687.87
Expenses	
Oral Histories	\$ -
Dues/Fees	\$ 1,895.28
Print/Advertising	\$ 247.58
Program	\$ 445.85
Equipment	\$ -
Postage	\$ -
Digitizing	\$ 60.00
Fundraising	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 37.50
Misc.	\$ -
Total Expenses:	\$ 2,686.21
Net Gain/Loss	\$ (1,998.34)
Total Cash Assets	
	\$ 42,823.87
Encumbrances	
Veteran's Memorial (Restricted)	\$ 1,991.21
Building Fund (Restricted)	\$ 21,677.87
Town Hall Project (Restricted)	\$ 10,248.14
Walter Walker Memorial (Restricted)	\$ 1,595.00
Total Encumbered Cash:	\$ 33,917.22
Total Unencumbered Cash:	\$ 8,906.65
Bank Accounts	
Operating Checking	\$ 1,558.91
Money Market	\$ 7,357.74
6-Month CDs (Mature in Oct.)	\$ 33,907.22
Total in Bank Accounts	\$ 42,823.87

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