

Wilmot Historical Society Minutes  
Wilmot Town Office  
March 7, 2024

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

In attendance were: Liz Kirby, Catherine Stearns, Mary Fanelli, Julie Morse, Carolyn Rayno, Bruce Sanborn, and Sara Timberlake. Guest: Brenda Gessner

### **Minutes**

Amendments to Minutes from February 8th, 2024.; seconded and motion approved.

- Julie Morse moved and Bruce Sanborn seconded 50.00 to NH Historical Society
- Letter Re Rev Bishop from Arthur Thompson, Liz's father
- Liz Kirby presented Public Information Meeting
- Heather Mather resigned as Board Member and Treasurer. Motion to accept with regret by Mary Fanelli and seconded by Julie Morse.
- Mary will audit the books with Bruce.
- Technology Committee Mary Fanelli suggested hiring Paul Carnevale Jr.
- Town Budget Hearing announced Feb 10th, 2024

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bruce Sanborn presented Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements for February 2024. NHCT 12 Annual Report has been done and \$75 paid. 990 N done online for WHS Taxes; Bruce will find out from a tax preparer if more is needed. A Money Market was opened at Ledyard Bank and is earmarked for Building Fund Bequest. Accounts were updated to remove Heather Mather, replaced by Bruce Sanborn. Motion to accept report passed.

### **Genealogy Committee Report-** Committee Meeting Thursday 2/22 at 6:30 pm

Carolyn Rayno shared that Ann Page Stecker, organizer of the most recent New London Town History of 2000, will no longer be available as a resource. They will reach out to other resources for the Family History Project. Next Genealogy Committee meeting at the Town Office TBD.

### **Acquisitions Report**

New Items were presented by Catherine Stearns: Photographs of Town Hall during Hurricane flooding of Sept 21st, 1938, North Church in 1934 burned down June 1957, and Walter Walker's Great Aunt Fannie Walker.

### **Program Committee**

Carolyn Rayno attended a Corbin Park presentation that was well done and very informative. Corbin bought 500 deeds to build an animal park. Wanted to conserve bison, dwindled numbers, but ended up being a hunting park with many high profile attendants. Naturalist was

hired to care for animals. Still a private hunting club, 30 members. Excellent speaker, Carolyn suggests this program for this May's event.

Julie Morse suggested finding a program about Kearsarge Mountain history. Bruce Sanborn suggested Larry Sullivan in Warner might have some information.

Town Hall unavailable for next 9 months due to renovations, WCA suggested.

### **Technology Committee**

Mary Fanelli presented- printer/scanner ink cartridge is expensive. Low on black, yellow, and magenta. There's plenty of cyan. Bruce Sanborn will buy it.

### **Building Committee**

The Public Information Meeting on Feb 13 was well attended, and a lot of questions and concerns were brought forward which helped with planning.

Cost of design and construction of parking lot discussed as part of the Building Project and bequest monies.

Vote for including parking lot in building plans: Motion passed by 7 board members.

It was agreed that "lease" is the correct legal term, however the amendment leaves the cost open-ended. General discussion about WHS not paying back-taxes and whatnot to town.

Liz Kirby suggested taking "selectboard" verbiage out in order to clarify the town needs to decide to allow the WHS to build.

Board collaborated and finalized suggested wording to amend the Warrant Article:

*To see if the town will vote to lease a portion of the 0.8 acres of town-owned property at 14 N Wilmot Rd to the Wilmot Historical Society for the purpose of constructing a building. The plan includes constructing a parking area equivalent in capacity to the existing lot. If accepted, the Wilmot Historical Society will fund the entire project. This agreement will be contingent upon the findings of an engineering study and other pertinent factors.*

### **New Business**

Liz Kirby suggested raising prices for Veterans Memorial Pavers due to the cost of pavers and engraving increasing. However, she noted that we already have the blank pavers so perhaps just leave the cost the same as we will only have to pay for engraving.

Town Meeting at Town Hall March 14th at 7:00 pm

**Other Business:** Next Board Meeting – Thursday April 11th at 5:30PM @ WTO  
ADJOURNMENT 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Timberlake

9:26 AM  
03/07/24  
Cash Basis

**WHS**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of March 7, 2024

	Mar 7, 24
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
WHS Checking x5396	1,791.14
WHS Money Market x0429	7,481.48
Town Hall Certificate x5906	10,418.02
Building Fund Certificate x5914	22,037.23
Veterans Memorial Cert. x5922	2,024.22
Building Fund Money Mkt. x3584	325,107.75
Total Checking/Savings	368,859.84
Total Current Assets	368,859.84
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>368,859.84</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
Walter Walker Memorial (in ckg)	1,595.00
Building Fund	21,677.87
Veterans Memorial	1,991.21
Town Hall Project	10,000.00
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	35,264.08
Unrestricted Net Assets	9,568.13
Net Income	324,027.63
Total Equity	368,859.84
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>368,859.84</b>

9:12 AM  
03/07/24  
Cash Basis

**WHS**  
**Profit & Loss**  
November 2023 through October 2024

	Nov '23 - Oct 24
<b>Income</b>	
Membership Dues	115.00
Bequests	325,000.00
Donations	785.00
Grants	300.00
Book Sales	160.00
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	706.61
<b>Total Income</b>	327,066.61
<b>Expense</b>	
Programs & Presentations	545.13
Misc.	50.00
Contract Services	
Storage	1,534.00
Computer Support	180.00
Accounting Fees	75.00
Total Contract Services	1,789.00
Operations	
Advertising Expenses	475.35
Postage, Mailing Service	82.00
Printing and Copying	97.50
Total Operations	654.85
<b>Total Expense</b>	3,038.98
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>324,027.63</b>