

NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting

February 21, 2008

Board Members Present: Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler
Bob Morris, Deane Geddes, Barbara Steward, Dennis Pavlicek
Others Present: Diana Morris, David and Mary Thayer

President Bill Weiler called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Minutes of January 3, 2008 were accepted as written.

Treasurers Report:

January 31, 2008 through February 21, 2008 accounting was presented by Margie Weiler. The general account changed from \$5,631.72 to \$5,646.73. The life membership account is unchanged from the last meeting. The conservation fund had a slight increase from \$1,120.13 to \$1,120.71. Total Assets increased from \$10,751.85 to \$10,767.34.

Margie reported that she could not find any banks offering good interest rates without minimum balances exceeding our balances. Barbara suggested Ledyard Bank.

Old Business:

Book C:

Bill reported that Book C had been delivered to NEDCC and that their conservation work would be completed by June. He has also taken to them a loose sheet from Book A found in a file drawer in Sherman Hall, to be cleaned and put in a mylar sleeve.

Town History:

Dennis reported that the proposal to Arcadia would be sent out the following week and acknowledged the contributions of the author, Shelly Candidus, and Bob Morris, Bill Weiler, and others. The proposal needs a few changes including sharper pictures and shorter captions in some cases. A motion was made, seconded, and passed, to support this proposal effort. A shorter title was suggested, such as "Newbury, New Hampshire." It was agreed that the Society would hold the copyright. If the project is accepted by Arcadia the material for the book would need to be ready in 3 to 6 months, then another 6 months to be printed, so might be ready for Old Home Day or even Town Meeting next year. Dennis also said he wanted to have an editorial board with about 3 members.

History Club:

John Grocott has resigned due to ill health. There was some discussion about a possible new leader for the club.

PALS Collaborative: Barbara Steward reported that the brochures were mailed and some were left at the library and will be put out at the Town Office Building and at Town Meeting. She will make posters for the summer events in Newbury. After some discussion about different sharing options, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to authorize Bob to negotiate our contribution.

House Marker Project:

Diana has a letter with an application form ready to mail to home owners. She will make the form available to put on our web site for people to download. Denise Walters (land use assistant) and Dennis are available to assist with documenting property history. Bill suggested the use of the online deed registry (back to 1930 or 40) and the town blotter books or tax inventory records.

Collection Organization and Cataloging Project:

Margie reported that the Select Board approved a warrant article for Town Meeting for the Town's contribution of \$5,000 to the Phase 1 project with Museum and Collector Resource. Bill reported that he had identified a possible source of interns (a department at U. Mass.) through a museum in White River Junction. He will follow through on this as a potential source of lower-cost help.

Web Site:

Bob reported that Bruce Healey has agreed to head this up with an estimated start-up cost of \$300-500. A

motion was made, seconded, and passed to authorize him to begin implementation of a web site including the expenditure of up to \$100 for a domain name. Bob suggested that the site be maintained by a volunteer to be trained by Bruce.

Newsletter:

Barbara needed an extra page insert, for a total of 6 pages, which were inserted by the meeting attendees. She mentioned that she had forgotten (again) to include a few things such as acknowledging our business members and thanking Patricia for our new logo.

Miscellaneous:

Bill has arranged for the return of the cane by the Appelby family. Deane has been asking people for suggestions for the next recipient, and Dennis also offered to help with this.

Bob has identified several possible speakers and topics for the Annual Meeting.

New Business:

Board and Officers:

John Grocott has also resigned as Director and Vice President. Possible replacements were identified. Also Dick Matte has a new job which takes him out of town a lot. Barbara Steward was elected Vice President.

Diary Donation:

Dennis is expecting in the near future a donation of 2 diaries from the 1830's.

Bulk Mailing:

Bob has investigated bulk mailing permits which look promising for reducing our mailing costs. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to authorize Margie to investigate this and to purchase a permit if the fee is near the \$175 that Bob had found.

The meeting adjourned after about 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Margie Weiler.

Board of Directors

July 2007 - 2010

*Alice Lynn
Dick Matte
Bob Morris*

July 2006 - 2009

*Deane Geddes
Margie Weiler
Bill Weiler*

July 2005 - 2008

*John Grocott
Dennis Pavlicek
Barbara Steward*