

NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting

May 1, 2008

Board Members Present: Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Alice Lynn,
Bob Morris, Barbara Steward, Dennis Pavlicek
Others Present: Diana Morris, Rich Cole, David and Mary Thayer, Shelly Candidus, Judy Healey, Bruce Healey

President Bill Weiler called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Minutes of Feb 21, 2008 were accepted as written.

Treasurers Report:

February 21, 2008 through May 1, 2008 accounting was presented by Margie Weiler.

The general account changed from \$5,646.63 to \$5,006.17.

The life membership account, \$4,000, is unchanged from the last meeting.

The conservation fund had a slight increase from \$1,120.71 to \$1,121.45.

Total Assets decreased from \$10,767.34 to \$10,127.62.

Old Business:

Candidate for Director:

Shelly Candidus was nominated and approved as Director to fill out the 2005 - 2008 term of John Grocott.

Book C:

Bill reported that NEDCC has completed conservation and microfilming of Book C and the loose sheet from Book A. The actual cost was significantly less than predicted. He was given permission to use the remaining funds, approximately \$3,500, to purchase supplies for the Sherman Hall collection project. Bill bought a second roll of microfilm which he will scan to make paper copies.

Town History:

Dennis reported that the proposal to Arcadia was accepted, with a deadline of October for the cover and early December for everything else. Shelly said that she wants the committee to have drafts ready by mid-September. The next public meeting is May 14. Dennis hopes that long-time residents will come and contribute their pictures. Dennis has a box of material from Richard Perkins which Bill will go through.

History Club:

A new leader for the club has not been identified. Bob suggested checking with some of the old members.

PALS Collaborative and Old Home Day: Barbara said that the next PALS meeting is in June. The Board agreed to ask for 25 copies of the large poster about the PALS events. After some discussion it was agreed to set up a table at the train station during Old Home Day (10 – 2 on July 12-13, Aug 9-10). Dennis will suggest to the Old Home Day publicity committee that our table location be included. Bill will contribute his book of Newbury pictures.

House Marker Project:

Judy got a list of all old homes from the assessors' office and has a list of 100 potential homes. Dianna asked for and received approval for postage to send a letter to the owners. Rich has already made 12 signs.

Collection Organization and Cataloging Project:

Margie reported that Museum and Collector Resources will begin the project in May. The Town will pay their \$5,000 share of the bill in June and we will pay the rest. Bill has found a source of interns, U. Mass. Amherst anthropology department, received several applications, but he and Margie decided that they couldn't house an intern this summer, along with the MCR people, so may try again next year.

Publicity:

Mary Thayer is interested in helping us with this. The Kearsarge Shopper has offered free ad space to non-profit organizations as long as the material is not time-sensitive. Possible subjects discussed included a list of all future meetings and a call for owners of old houses for the house marker project.

Web Site:

Bruce Healey will organize the development of a web site for us. His committee will include Rich Cole

and Bill and Margie Weiler. Dennis said that the Town pays \$1300 a year for its web site which all agreed was too high for us.

Newsletter/Mailing:

Barbara will prepare another newsletter to include the flyer for the Annual Meeting. The lead article will be about the Arcadia project with input from Dennis. Diana suggested getting email addresses for people in the membership application form. There was discussion but no resolution of whether to use the voter rolls or the property tax rolls for the mailing, both in the past yielding about 700 addresses. Margie reported that the break-even point for using bulk mailing is about the same number, and that there would also be little additional savings in using bulk mailing for our newsletters since we usually send about 100 and would need to print more to meet the 200-piece minimum.

Annual Meeting:

Bob has arranged for Rebecca Courser to give a talk on early Newbury African-Americans. The “lick’n’stick” meeting will be June 12 at 1PM at Alice’s.

New Business:

Secretary:

The present secretary has not attended many meetings lately. Since no one else seemed to be interested, Margie agreed to keep filling in for a while.

South Newbury Tour and Brochure:

Rich showed a draft of a brochure for a tour of South Newbury with pictures and a little information about many of the old houses there. All were enthusiastic. Rich asked for a committee to help complete it. All present except Dennis agreed to participate.

Oral History Workshop:

Bill and Margie attended a workshop in Newport on how to do oral history. Bill was impressed with the need to do this with adequate equipment and to transcribe the tapes quickly since they deteriorate in about 5 years. He thought the equipment would cost about \$400.

South Newbury buildings:

Dennis reported that the trees behind all three buildings will be cut soon.

The meeting adjourned after about 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Margie Weiler.

Upcoming meetings: June 5, July 20 (Annual Meeting), Aug 7, Sep 4, Nov 6.

Board of Directors

July 2007 - 2010

Alice Lynn

Dick Matte

Bob Morris

July 2006 - 2009

Deane Geddes

Margie Weiler

Bill Weiler

July 2005 - 2008

Shelly Candidus

Dennis Pavlicek

Barbara Steward