

NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2008

Board members present: Bob Morris, Barbara Steward, Deane Geddes, Shelly Candidus, Margie Weiler, Bill Weiler, Mary Thayer

Others present: Diana Morris, Rich Cole, Terry Gebler, Ted and Diane Jones, Gay and Marty Sheary, Bruce and Charon Barton, Craig MacKenzie, Bruce MacKenzie

President Bob Morris called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Bob thanked everyone for electing him president.

Minutes of September 4th were corrected. Bill asked if they could be sent by e-mail. A corrected version will be sent by e-mail. Deane made a motion that these minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion accepted.

Treasurer's report: There are 3 new family members and 2 new business members. A donation of \$25.00 was also made to the society. September 4th through November 5th accounting was presented by Margie Weiler. The general account changed from \$6,528.46 to \$6,401.39. The life membership account, \$5,150 is unchanged from the last meeting. The conservation fund, \$1,123.23, is essentially unchanged from the last meeting. Total assets increased from \$12,800.79 to \$12,674.62.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: Individual 13, Family 46, Life 40, for a total of 101 members.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN HISTORY: Shelly stated that the history book was in its final stages as far as the pictures were concerned. Pictures that have been received are wonderful. 214 pictures will be selected from more than 300 received. She still has to work on the captions. Bob made a suggestion that the book be introduced at Old Home Day 2009.

PALS: Barbara said that next year's theme would be "Then and Now". Barbara said that there would be a 59% budget cut for next year so that a smaller mailing would be done. Ron Garceau and Gwen DeMille are in charge of publicity. Tracy Messer was contacted to be involved with the program which would take place sometime in August.

HOUSE MARKERS: Diana thanked Rich Cole for all his work. Rich had a sample of the marker. Diana said that 19 people responded to the application. A letter will be sent to the 19 people inviting them to pick up their plaque at the Town Offices on November 29th. Barbara and Rich suggested that we give a membership to the society to these 19 people for a year and a half. Some thought that was too generous. After much discussion, a motion to give a membership for the remainder of the year, which would be until May of 2009 was made. A vote was taken and it passed 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

Barbara thanked Diana and Rich for all their work. Bill asked if this would be an ongoing program. Bob stated that they would like to continue this program. Rich said that he has completed 52 signs which can be saved for next year. The cost was \$47.00 which was for postage. Rich got the material he used from Bubba's restaurant where some remodeling had been done and Healey's house which was being remodeled.

WEB SITE: Bruce stated that the site is up and running. He said that this is a valuable communication tool. The web site is Newbury Historical. Org. Bob thanked Bruce and his committee for all their work. It was asked if another meeting of the committee is scheduled. Bruce will schedule another meeting.

COLLECTION AND CATALOGING: Not much has been done since the September meeting. Sherman Hall has been buttoned up for the winter months. Some updates will be done during the winter. Bob asked if they had any idea of when this would be completed. Bill thought it should be done by next spring. Bill thinks we have some issues as to what should go into the data base. There is also some information outside the vault which needs to be in the data base. Bill suggested that interns be hired for the summer. The fee would be between \$10.00 and \$12.00 an hour. Bob asked Bill if he would try to get someone. Bill said he has someone in mind.

SOUTH NEWBURY TOUR: Earlier this year, Rich Cole had distributed a list to several people and asked them if they would call or visit these people and get information pertinent to their homes. People are still working on this project. A target date of June 2009 has been set for printing of this brochure. Bob asked if anyone has taken Dick Matte's home assignment and Rich said that Dennis is going to take care of it. Train tickets have been printed and given to Dennis. Printing was done at the prison. Printing done elsewhere is very expensive. A price of \$890.00 for color copy was obtained. Shelly asked to see the ticket. She asked if they needed to be done in color. It might be better to go with just black and white.

CANE: Deane commented on how wonderful the cane presentation was and how happy Bill's family was. Deane thanked all who had helped in anyway. Bill updated the cane history. Diana asked if this would be kept on file. Bill said it was already filed. Rich Cole made CD's of the ceremony and handed them out so that all could see it.

NEW BUSINESS

LIFE MEMBER ENDOWMENT FUND: This money is taken out of an account and put in the general fund when a member passes away. Bill made a proposal that the money be put into an endowment fund to gain interest. Bob suggested that Bill make a motion to do this. A motion was made and seconded by

Deane. Margie was not in favor of this because of the interest rate. She said that a CD would be better. Bruce Barton stated that there might be some ramifications regarding this. Bill said that we don't need legal setup. It is only a paper change. Bob made a motion to table this until more information can be obtained. Seconded by Margie. All but one person was in favor.

NHS LETTERHEAD: Sample letterheads were passed around by Barbara. Each member noted which they liked. Barbara will work on this and come up with a file draft.

PERIODIC GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM: Bob would like to institute a program where speakers would come and talk about various topics. Bob had already asked Shelly to head this program. This would start sometime in 2009. Shelly asked if we could come up with a name for this program.

MEETING FREQUENCY: Bob asked if every other month was still agreeable for all with maybe a special meeting in the Spring. Everyone seemed to agree. Margie suggested that these should be put on our web site.

REVISED/DRAFTED BYLAWS: Bob handed out copies of the revised by laws he has put together. He asked if everyone would check them and make any corrections and return them to him. They are also on a hard copy.

NEWSLETTER: Discussion was made regarding a newsletter. It was decided to hold up on this until January. Barbara would like all information in the first week in January.

MAIL BOX: There was a discussion regarding a historical society mailbox at Town Offices. Bob said he would talk to Dennis regarding this matter.

Bob asked if there was any other business.

Margie gave Bob a folder with the mail which she had collected. A Thank you note from the Schroder's was read. Also, a letter from Dick Matte regarding his resignation as board member.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Next meeting is scheduled for January 8th at 7:00pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thayer, Secretary