

**NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES
January 8, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10PM.

Members present: Barbara Steward, Shelly Candidus, Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Dennis Pavlicek, Bob Morris, Mary Thayer.

Others present: Judy and Bruce Healey, Rich Cole, Diana Morris, Gay and Marty Sheary.

Minutes of 9/04/08 were approved.

Nov. 5, 2008 through Jan. 8, 2009 Treasurer's report was presented by Margie Weiler. The general account changed from \$6,401.09 to \$6,270.86. The life membership account, \$6,150, is unchanged from the last meeting. The conservation fund, \$1,123.83, is essentially unchanged from the last meeting. Total Assets decreased from \$12,674.62 to \$12,544.69. The major activity in the general account \$150 for permission for reproduction of 2 pictures for the Arcadia book. \$12.50 was received from our first sale of books from the web site. Bob asked if a subcategory could be made for web site sales. Margie said that all sales are recorded by type. She asked authorization to purchase mailing envelopes for web site sales. Barbara agreed. Bob authorized the purchase of such.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN HISTORY: Shelly stated that the project is out of her hands. It is being processed by Arcadia and should be returned so that it can be proofread. Bill has a proposal option to purchase and sell before Arcadia puts it in to the book stores. Barbara suggested that it be sold at Old Home Day and that Bill and Shelly be available to sign it. Bob asked Shelly to contact Arcadia to see when the book will be ready. It was suggested that a letter be sent to all members telling them about the book. Arcadia should also be asked about author day. Advertisement should be done in the Concord Monitor and the Valley News as well as the Intertown Record.

PALS: Barbara reported that the Tracy Messer presentation will be held on August 2nd at 2:00pm at the Town Offices. Tracy wants the pictures converted into digital format so that he can make his presentation using Power Point. Bill will have to scan the slides for him. The budget has been cut 50% so that no merge mailing will be done. Ron Garceau will distribute brochures when he distributes the Soo Nipi magazine. Gwen DeMille will also distribute brochures. Margie suggested that they be sent with the annual meeting information.

HOUSE MARKERS: Diana thanked Judy and Rich for all their work. 3 people have already applied for the next distribution. Marty and Gay will take over the mailing. Diana will meet with them sometime this month to give them the necessary information. Bob thanked all who have helped to make this a success.

WEB SITE: Bruce said that there are two areas that should be added to the web site. One is the cane history and presentation and secondly, the house marker project. Also, the 119 recipients of the house markers should be recognized. Also, an overview on how to apply for these markers.

ARCHIVES: Bill is working on collection policy. He will have information at the next meeting.

COLLECTION AND CATALOGING: This should be discussed under Archives. All agreed. Bill discussed information on genealogy. Some people write letters to the town researching information on their families. Linda gives these letters to Bill and he researches the information.

Information regarding William Emery, a 1st settler, Caleb Lane, son of John Lane one of the 1st selectmen and the Farmer Family are just some of the ones who have been researched. Shelly thanked Bill for this great effort.

SOUTH NEWBURY TOUR BROCHURE: Rich stated that this project was under construction. As soon as the entire house reports are in he will let all know.

REMEMBER WHEN: Shelly stated that the committee which consists of Frank Parrotta, Chuck Crickman and Barbara Steward has not met as yet. They are scheduled to meet on January 9th. The 1st session is scheduled for April 9th. Dave Anderson will be the moderator and his topic is Natural Disasters. It is an opportunity for the community to share their memories. These sessions will be taped.

REVISED BY-LAWS: These were e-mailed to the committee and some changes were received. Alice Lynn had made a comment to Bob that some changes were needed to be made. Bob suggested that a committee be made to review these by-laws and then bring the revisions back to the board at the next meeting for approval. Bob asked Dennis, Barbara and Bill to be on this committee. A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Bill. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

LIFE MEMBERSHIP/ENDOWMENT FUND: This was discussed as to whether we wanted to put the money into the general fund as had been done previously or if we wanted it to be put into a CD. After much discussion it was voted on. Dennis made a motion to keep it in the general fund and it was seconded by Margie. All but one was in favor.

NHS LETTERHEAD: Barbara passed out copies of the letterhead and asked for comments. It was suggested that the margins be changed, font size of NHS be larger and the address and the web site be the same size font. Bob asked to accept this and then deal with the font's size later. Bob asked to accept this and then deal with the font's size later. A motion was made by Margie and seconded by Shelly. All were in favor.

ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER: A speaker is needed for our annual meeting. Bob asked for suggests from the board and members present.

The annual meeting is July 19th at 2:00PM.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Bob suggested that there was a need to stimulate new members and advantages of establishing such a committee. Bob asked Rich and asked him to be co-chair and Rich has agreed. A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Mary. All were in favor.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Bob reviewed the advantages of establishing such a committee and had asked Diana to be chair of this committee. A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Shelly. All were in favor.

Bob gave Bill a tote bag with video, diaries and other information that was given to him by Mrs. McLaughlin, of Information regarding Henry L. Bowles.

Discussion was made regarding the history book and how many copies would be purchased for direct sales by us, since we can make more money on those sales compared to just receiving royalties. Bill presented some calculations of cost and income to us based on different number of books, up to 100. Bob suggested we consider even larger numbers. Shelly needs to talk to Arcadia and see if they can give us an idea as to when this book will be ready. Bill also said that we should not purchase too many books since we have an opportunity later to purchase books at a lower remainder price.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thayer, Secretary