

NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 2, 2009

Board members present: Bob Morris, Barbara Steward, Dennis Pavlicek, Shelly Candidus, Mary Thayer, Margie Weiler, Bill Weiler, Alice Lynn.

Board member absent: Deane Geddes

President Bob Morris called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Bob recognized the board members present and thanked them for all their work.

The minutes from last year's annual report were read by Mary Thayer, Secretary. The report was accepted as presented.

Margie Weiler presented the treasurer's report. The annual balance from last year was \$10,157.62. Margie explained that the income and expense totals were much higher than in previous years because of the donations for and payment to Museum and Collector Resource for the collection organization project. The ending balance as of 5/31/09 is \$12,388.97. Total income was \$17,173.65. Expenses were \$14,942.30. There are 13 individual members, 50 family members, 40 life members and 2 business members.

**ELECTIONS:** Bob stated that there were 3 directors whose terms ended. They are Bill, Margie, Deane. Bob asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Dianna nominated Bruce Healey. This nomination was seconded by Rich Cole. There are now 4 nominees for 3 positions. Ballots were handed out. Shelly and Diana counted the votes. The tally of votes was Margie 25, Bill 21, Deane 19 and Bruce 15.

**BY-LAWS:** Bob reported that Bill, Dennis, Barbara and he served on a committee to review the Newbury Historical Society by-laws. After 7 drafts they were mailed out to all members for their review. Bob asked if there were any questions or comments. Barbara made a motion to Article 11, Section B. to insert the words "by a 2/3 majority of those voting" so that the first sentence would read as follows: these by-laws may be amended, altered or repealed and new by-laws adopted by a 2/3 majority of those voting at any annual meeting at which a quorum is present, provided the two week's written notice of the specific proposed amendment, alteration or repeal be contained in the notice of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alice and approved by the membership. Bruce proposed an amendment to section 4A to read as follows: Each director may serve for two consecutive three year terms, not including any partial terms that may have been served, and may be elected to two additional consecutive three-year terms after a one year absence. This motion was seconded by Rich. The motion was discussed and after discussion Bob asked for a show of hands regarding this motion. The

motion was not passed. Bob asked for a motion to accept the by-laws as amended. A motion was made by Margie and seconded by Bill. The membership approved the revised by-laws.

Bob stated that within the last 2 years the society accomplished many projects and programs. He thanked Shelly and Barbara for our first "We Remember Newbury" program. Gay and Marty Sheary for their efforts on the second phase of the Home Markers, Rich Cole for his efforts on Membership, and Bruce Healey for keeping the website current and Shelley and Bill for their work on the picture book.

Bob asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Dennis. It was seconded and approved. Meeting ended at 2:00pm.

This meeting was followed by a presentation by Tracy Messer entitled, Vanishing Newbury.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thayer, Secretary

Following the annual meeting Tracy Messer, historian and author, presented a program entitled Vanishing Newbury. This is part of the PALS program. Tracy included some "Then and now" contrasts as he addressed the loss of more than 200 public and private buildings in the town. He also showed some wonderful slides of the schools and mills some of which no longer are standing. Refreshments were served following the presentation.