

Newbury Historical Society
Minutes
November 3, 2011

Board members present: Barbara Steward, Gay Sheary, Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Shelly Candidus, Deane Geddes, and Mary Thayer

Members present: Marty Sheary

Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

The Minutes of 9/1/2011 were accepted with 2 minor corrections (change Granny's to Grammie's and cemeterys to cemeteries). All in favor.

Barbara distributed the Treasurer's report in Claire's absence, using her new format from Quicken. The total inflow for all accounts was \$2,435.55 and the outflow \$1,796.42 for a net inflow of \$639.13. Margie requested that the report include, as in previous reports, information on the totals of the separate funds, General, Conservation, and Life Members. Barbara suggested that Margie work with Claire on this. There was a discussion of the amount of money kept in the checking account vs. the savings account. Margie said that the balances in these and the CDs roughly reflect the balances in the corresponding three fund accounts and that there is no point in increasing the amount in the savings account because the interest rate is so low.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barbara reported that she has been talking with Paul Reilly, the Chair of the Cemetery Commission, about possible collaboration. He gave her a copy of their latest CD of Newbury cemetery records. She suggested that an old article in the Newbury Update about our cemeteries might form the basis of a future issue of our Newsletter; she will give a copy of it to Bill.

OLD BUSINESS:

Archives/Map Project: Bill reported that he took two groups of volunteers to the Registry of Deeds in Nashua who compiled a list of all the early Newbury (Fishersfield) deeds; these will be checked and then organized into a list to request copies. Perry Teele has made a preliminary map combining the old Willey map with the town tax map. Bill also said that this group effort was fun, and gave him the idea of holding indexing "bees," group efforts to generate indexes of the old town records in Sherman Hall.

House Markers: Gay reported that she has two applications, one from Idlehurst. She was told the story about how the Col. Will Churchill took the lumber for the Idlewild cottages there to the mill in Sunapee, floating them on the lake, then brought the boards back over the ice.

Newsletter: Barbara has one article from Bill about the great train wreck but needs more. Deane said he might be able to contribute an article about South Newbury.

Membership: The latest Mini Newsletter to lapsed members produced 18 renewals so the total numbers are still down.

PALS and Programs: Shelly said that at the September meeting Ausbon Sargent Land Trust was added as a member with some provisions, including that they offer some historical programs. The theme for this year's events is again "Then and Now." Our events are the Annual Meeting, Old Home Day, and We

Remember Newbury. Shelly asked for suggestions for a We Remember Newbury program, perhaps the Grange or Birch Grove. Bill suggested World War II home front experiences.

Annual Meeting: Barbara has a tentative commitment from Ron Garceau. After discussion of alternatives the date of July 1, 2012 was selected.

South Newbury Project: Deane said that the group had selected a walking tour pamphlet as their goal, with the emphasis on the older history since some residents are nervous about having their houses featured. Barbara said that the Elkins walking tour is docent-led which reduces the impact on residents. Bill noted there are two closely related projects, South Newbury and Town Map, which could be combined into one History Committee with Deane as chair. The re-creation of a History Committee, with Deane as chair and Bill as vice-chair, was moved, seconded, and approved.

Scenic Byways: Shelly said that the funding for this project has been approved but not released.

NEW BUSINESS:

CMH Events: Barbara said that the Center Meeting House will be having talks every Saturday in June and want us as a “co-sponsor” which means to publicize these events. This was moved, seconded, and approved. Barbara also said that CMH is organizing a tour of area meeting houses in August.

Board Meeting Dates:

Barbara asked if the Board would agree to change the meeting dates from the first to the second Thursday (as now, on the odd-numbered months except for July) because several members have regular meetings the first Wednesday of every month. This was moved, seconded, and approved. Margie will put the change on the web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Weiler, Secretary

MEETING DATES:

Board Meetings:

January 12

March 8

May 10

September 13

November 8

Annual Meeting:

July 1