

NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES

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NHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(P) Barbara Steward, 2011 Chairperson, (P) Mary Thayer, 2010, (P) Robert Morris 2010,

(A) Alice Lynn 2010, (P) Shelly Candidus 2011, (P) Dennis Pavlicek 2011, (P) Margie Weiler 2012,

(P) William Weiler, Archivist 2012, (P) Deane Geddes 2012

Members present

David Thayer, Gay & Marty Sheary, Rich Cole, Bruce & Judy Healey, Mrs. Johnson

Guest: Mike Moss

Chairwoman Steward opened the meeting at 7:02 PM

Meeting Minutes of 3 Sept. 2009

Mr. Pavlicek made a MOTION to approve, Mrs. Thayer Second. No discussion, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Weiler presented the Treasurer's Report. The general fund balance increased from \$7,351.55 to \$8,645.50, the life member account remained the same at \$5,150.00, and the conservation fund increased from \$973.00 to \$973.12. The total balance increased from \$12,388.97 to \$14,768.62. Most of the increase was due to membership renewals and donations and also to sales and a royalty payment for the Arcadia picture history books.

Budget Review

Mrs. Weiler reviewed the 2009 budget and commented that the increase in revenue was due to book sales and royalties. Currently there are 113 dues paying members and two business members: Sunapee Glass & NH Historical Society.

Mr. Morris inquired about the number of new memberships that were granted to those families agreeing to have a "House Marker" affixed to their property. Mrs. Weiler said about 3.

Chairwoman Steward thanked the Newbury Beautification Committee and Judy Healey for the window boxes. Also thanked Mrs. Weiler for sending out the newsletter.

Mr. Weiler reported that he received some constructive feedback on the COLLECTION MANAGEMENT POLICY. MOTION was made to accept the policy as presented. All in favor.

Mr. Weiler reported that he had been contacted by members of the LANE family as part of their Genealogical research.

Rich Cole reported that currently there are 7 house markers on Newbury homes and asked if we were going to continue to give complementary one year memberships? Mrs. Weiler made a MOTION: "To have all new house marker families to receive a one year free membership to NHS." Mr. Morris seconded the MOTION. All in favor.

Mr. Cole asked if the annual dues for a business member could be discounted based on their entry during the year. Since the annual dues are set at the ANNUAL meeting Mrs. Weiler suggested the topic be tabled.

Mr. Cole suggested we have a membership campaign. Suggested a mailing campaign to all tax payers in town.

Mr. Weiler said that mailings in previous years had come from the voters list which contained about 700 persons which did not yield a lot of new members.

Mr. Morris asked if we should survey lapsed members. Mrs. Weiler said we had mailed renewal invitations to members who had lapsed 2 years; it cost 90\$ and yielded 150\$.

NEWSLETTER

Needs topics.

Mr. Weiler said he had 2 articles, one about the Sunapee Mt. Hotel and the other written by George Birse, The Lady of the lake.

Mrs. Candidus said she could create an article on the diaries of Richard Perkins.

Mr. Pavlicek suggested an article on how John hay purchased the various parcels him bought to create the FELS. Mr. Weiler said that someone at the Hay Estate had documented his process.

MR. Weiler mentioned that when Mr. Hay died a reporter wrote a detailed description of the event through moving his casket to the train station. He said he would find the newspaper article and submit.

Mr. Pavlicek said the John Hay was probably the most famous person to die in Newbury!

Chairwoman Steward mentioned that she would like to see better quality paper used in the newsletter.

Mrs. Candidus suggested that perhaps a "Farm" theme for the newsletter. She also suggested that we do a cemetery tour and that other towns had been most successful as they had actors dress up in period costumes and speak as if they were one of the persons buried there.

Mr. Cole suggested a picnic after the Annual meeting where we could have photos or other Newbury memorabilia displayed. Chairwoman Steward mentioned the difficulty of no bathroom facilities in So. Newbury. Suggested that perhaps it should be held at Fishersfield. Discussion tabled to the May 2010 meeting.

WEB SITE

Chairwoman Steward mentioned that many of the items on the site needed to be updated: Mission Statement, telephone numbers, Business members etc. Mr. Weiler said that the web has a "Statement of Purpose".

MOTION made by Mr. Morris that "the website's mission statement more accurately reflect what is in the bylaws". No second made to support this motion.

MOTION made by Mrs. Weiler to "remove individual sponsors from the web site." Motion approved.

Mr. Cole reported that the walking tour was a work in progress.

Mr. Weiler suggested that a "Genealogy & History" page be added to the web site and offer look up services for interested parties. Links to PDF's of historical essays could be added as well. Board encouraged Mr. Weiler to proceed.

Mr. Weiler suggested that we could research those individuals and families who lived in homes which had "house markers". Who were they? Suggested we may come across some interesting folks! This work could be done through DEED search.

Mr. Weiler reported that we had sold about 200 picture books to date. Since our population is closer to 2,000 how can we sell more?

Mr. Pavlicek suggested that we have copies for sale at the wreath sale & town meeting.

Mr. Pavlicek made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Thayer seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Deane Geddes.

Meeting dates:

7 Jan 2010

4 March 2010

6 May 2010

Annual Meeting: Sunday, 18 July 2010 Time TBD

Meeting time & location: Newbury Town Hall, 7 PM unless otherwise noted.