

Newbury Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

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NHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(P) Barbara Stewart, 2011, Chairperson

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Members Present:

R. Cole, B. Healy, D. Thayer, Gay & Marty Sheary

Next meeting: 4 March 2010, 7PM

Annual Meeting: 18 July, 2010 2 PM

Chairperson Steward opened the meeting at 7:10 PM

The meeting minutes from 5 Nov. 2009 were reviewed, corrected. Mr. Geddes was asked to make corrections and redistribute.

Mr. Weiler suggested that Mrs. Candidus write a short narrative on the work by Elsbeth T. Magnarelli titled: "Farm Family Origins of the" Fells" the John Hay Estate in Newbury, New Hampshire". Mr. Weiler mentioned that Tracey Messer also donated a copy of the book to the NHS.

TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning balance (11/5/09) \$14,768.62 and Ending Balance (1/7/10) is \$16,051.90
Membership, sales of books and postcards doing well. Member count is 125 paid.

Ms. Steward mentioned we are approaching the highest membership.

Mrs. Weiler said we have a nice "war chest" to fund a project.

Book sales:

212 sold, 36 postcard packets sold.

Total books printed were 280 plus 10 free.

Mr. Weiler said they had purchased 100 postcard packs.

Mr. Weiler said when all are sold it should net a profit of about \$2,800.

Mrs. Candidus mentioned a renewal agreement she received from Arcadia requesting approval for the book to be used by research students. Mr. Weiler said he would look into it.

HOUSE MARKERS

Mrs. Sheary indicated that she had two to be given to homeowners. She also inquired if we were going to continue the project. Mrs. Steward indicated that we were and interested parties could look at our web site for further information and perhaps we should put an article about this in the Newbury news.

Mr. Weiler said that a Mrs. Broman had found the date of construction of her home but had not completed the application. Mr. Pavlicek said he believed she was a summer person. Mrs. Sheary was going to obtain her address and write her.

Mr. Weiler said he was answering a letter from an individual who wanted to get into the DAR under the "Patriot" provision.

Mr. Weiler said that found an original of the 1809 Willy map at the archives and will try to photograph the sections.

Mr. Geddes thanked Mr. Weiler for being so pro-active when persons contact Newbury for help with genealogical research as in many small towns no one is available to assist.

Mr. Weiler responded that this work he does for outside requestors is really a two way street because not only does he help the requestor but in the end that person often shares their work.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Cole brought a sample flyer to the board for their review. The trifold would be an attempt to give visibility to our organization. He stated that "Membership's the life blood of our organization and with out it we don't have money for projects. Asked that feedback be given. See trifold example.

Mr. Cole suggested that we raise the dues to 12\$ to make the family membership more interesting.

Mr. Cole also suggested we create a decal to be given to new members. A stick on version is available at 0.47 cents at quantities of 500. He will get quote on surface mount version for next meeting.

NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Steward thanked Mrs. Candidus and Mrs. Thayer for input on the newsletter. Mrs. Steward would like to see a better quality paper to enhance the photos. Mr. Weiler suggested that she contact TOWN & COUNTRY reprographics in Concord a full service printer.

Mr. Weiler suggested that perhaps we should distribute a color version of the newsletter occasionally.

Mr. Pavlicek suggested that we talk to the selectman's secretary, Donna, and obtain a list of new home buyers in Newbury and add to the distribution list of the Newsletter.

Mrs. Candidus mentioned that the panel met yesterday to discuss the program titled: "Newbury's farming Heritage" scheduled for May 2 at 2 pm. Four persons are due to speak on the subject.

Mr. Weiler suggested that we ask for old pictures of farming activity to be displayed on that day.

Mrs. Steward said she wanted to mail the PALS flyer to all members again in April. She also said the speakers for our annual meeting (18July) will be Babe Sargent and Ron Garceau. They will speak on their new book collaboration "Birds eye view of Lake Sunapee". The book consists of photos that Babe and his father took from their airplane in the late 1940's.

WEB SITE

Mrs. Steward thanked Bruce Healey for updating the web site.

Mr. Healy indicated that he had removed the page of business members.

The board indicated that they would like to see the business cards of all business members on the site. A MOTION was made, and all voted in favor.

Mr. Weiler proposed that a History (town) and Genealogy page be added to the site. Suggested that a short history needs to be written. He was asked to make certain corrections and submit a new version for the next meeting.

Mrs. Stewart asked the board if it should work on the suggestion by Pat Reynolds that a photo history of the lakeside cottages be made.

Mr. Weiler suggested that perhaps someone on a snowmobile should photo some of the old cottages.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weiler asked that he be authorized to change the locks on Sherman Hall. MOTION was made and accepted to pledge 75\$ for this effort.

Mr. Weiler asked if he could spend money obtaining copies of deeds.

MOTION was made and approved to reimburse up to 50\$.

Adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Deane B Geddes.