

Newbury Historical Society
Minutes
May 8, 2014

Board members present: Barbara Steward, Claire Vannatta, Bill Weiler, Mary Thayer, Ashley Geddes and Paula Falkowski

Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Minutes of March 13, 2014 were accepted with a revision to the meeting dates: May 8, June 29 and September 11.

Treasurer's Report: See attached.

Announcement: Barbara reported that we should soon be receiving the \$1,000 budgeted by the Town of Newbury.

OLD BUSINESS:

Archives: Bill reported that he continues to collect the data on the monitoring device of the vault at Sherman Hall on a monthly basis.

Annual Meeting: Barbara will provide Donna Long with information about the annual meeting for the Newbury Times, which is scheduled for June 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Vet's Hall. The speaker has requested a podium, screen, digital projector and small table for display. Ashley will work on publicity for the event by doing an ad for the Kearsarge Shopper, picture for the InterTown Record and scheduling time for the information to be displayed on the Town's electronic sign. Barbara said she has been communicating with Janet Bedard, owner of the historic quilt, and we will be hanging it on a clothesline in the Vet's Hall. Barbara will have Janet do a brief introduction on the quilt. Bill will provide polyethylene gloves for handling the quilt. Mary will coordinate refreshments and ask Gay to help. Everyone else will plan on bringing a snack.

History Committee: Bill said next Tuesday's meeting will highlight the Town's ballot box. In the late 1800s, there was legislation to help eliminate fraud whereby the State came up with a universal ballot box, one of which is kept in Linda Plunkett's office. Bill also reported that there is no more free access to the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds, but while it was available, he was able to research Lot 45 (many of the South Newbury village lots being researched were originally part of Lot 45). Bill also reported he has set up an account on Box, an online file sharing and cloud content management service, which provides up to 50 GB of free storage for personal accounts. Some of the files include vital statistic records, cemetery records, Fisherfield deeds and maps, and Argus indexing.

South Newbury Buildings: Paula reported that Deane has been in contact with Marilyn Soper, who recently became a full time resident of Newbury, and is interested in restoration of the South Newbury church. She has expressed interest in visiting the historic buildings in South Newbury and has already been given a tour of the Center Meeting House by Bill and Deane. Paula noted that she would be meeting Marilyn at next week's history committee meeting.

House Markers: Barbara reported that Gay has one application for Chris and Gary Daniels.

Newsletter: Deane and Ashley have completed a story on the Hancock house but are awaiting approval from the owner. Barbara will include information on the annual meeting. Another possible story is on the Newbury ballot box. Paula will send Barbara the Argus indexing files she has completed thus far to see if there are any tidbits that can be used in the newsletter.

Nominating Committee: Paula reported that Ashley and Claire have consented to stay on the board. Barbara still needs a replacement.

Old Home Day: It was determined that Old Home Day will be July 12. Bill will again provide a tent, and Barbara will work with Janet Bedard regarding the display of the historic quilt. Details will be worked out via email as to the exact setting of the tent and quilt.

PALS: Barbara passed out the new flier and will be sending it out to society members in the mail shortly. We discussed whether we should retain our affiliation with PALS, and all members present agreed it was good for publicity.

Mt. Sunapee School House: Bill reported that the Newbury Conservation Commission voted to accept the site and he is now awaiting a response from DRED.

Web Site: Margie was not present to report. Bill said she was keeping up with dates and notices.

Other: Barbara asked about the status of registering the South Newbury buildings. Since Margie was not at the meeting, the status is unknown. Barbara will also be in touch regarding volunteers helping with the Newsletter mailing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Falkowski for
Margie Weiler, Secretary

MEETING DATES:

Annual Meeting: June 29
Board Meeting: September 11