

Newbury Historical Society
March 12 2015

Board members present: Gay Sheary, Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, and Paula Falkowski

Members present: Marty Sheary

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Minutes: The Minutes of 1/8/2015 and of 2/8/2015 were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Claire was unable to attend the meeting.

Announcements: Bill noted that he added another board meeting to the schedule, July 9.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Vacancies: Bill mentioned in his report for the Society in the Town Report that we had 2 vacancies.

Archives: Bill reported that there was no activity because of the cold weather.

Annual Meeting: The speaker and date have been set.

History Committee: Deane sent a written report. John Lyons and Chandler Blodgett attended the last meeting and expressed their interest in the group. Mr. Blodgett, who is a grand nephew of George Blodgett, shared some old pictures of the Blodgett Landing area. The group has been adding activities such as genealogies of early Newbury families, cellar holes, mill sites, early road locations, South Newbury historic buildings, early homes and industries, and oral histories.

South Newbury Buildings: Paula said that a new sign for Sherman Hall has been approved by the Select Board. Dennis suggested Peter Maurer, of Maurerwerk Signs in Sunapee, as the person to do it. Bill noted that there already is a small, inconspicuous sign under the canopy over the door. The painting will be done after the snow melts.

House Markers: Gay is still working on getting new signs made. Bill suggested two people who might be interested in having markers. Margie has made new flyers to put out at Old Home Day.

Newsletter: Paula said that she missed the meeting with Ashley, Deane, and Bill. They plan an article about the Hancox house and need permission from the owner to publish it.

Old Home Day: Bill showed a new handout he made, which met with approval. Paula suggested displaying copies of the new Warren pictures and that each of us bring a memento (but not original heirlooms) and that we again set up a computer display cycling through historical pictures.

PALS: Bill said that Ron has sent out a draft flyer. It includes QR codes, which link to each organization's website. Margie tested ours and it worked fine. Bill said that, we would be responsible for mailing the flyers to our members. Margie said she would do that. Paula and Gay offered to help with the mailing.

Sunapee School House: Bill received an email from Joanna Lyons that the archeology report was received in February. The demolition will be done as soon as possible. Bill will write a summary for the newsletter.

Web Site: Margie said that she had negotiated a better hosting contract, which includes control of the email accounts. Also, it is less expensive.

Other Old Business:

Boston Post Cane: Deane's report said that he has scheduled a meeting with Violet Jones, who is now 101 years old, to see if she will accept the cane.

NEW BUSINESS:

Information Storage: Bill is looking for "durable long term storage" for our collections of digital files. He would like to find a site, which can be paid annually.

Newspaper Digitization: The work has already started. The films (new prints from New England Micrographics) were shipped to Advantage Feb 26 and are expected to be digitized on receipt. The Library has received an additional \$1150 in donations and has identified additional funds to use if the donations are not enough. Bill suggested that Paula continue with her spreadsheet summary; she agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Weiler, Secretary

MEETING DATES:

Board Meetings (2nd Thursday, odd months):

May 14

July 9

September 10

November 12