

Newbury Historical Society
May 14 2015

Board members present: Gay Sheary, Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Claire Vanatta, Deane Geddes ,and Ashley Geddes

Members present: Marilyn Soper

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Minutes: The Minutes of 3/12/2015 were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Claire reported for that as of the end of April the Conservation Fund balance remained \$974.20, the Life Member Fund balance remained \$5,200.00, and the operating fund was \$17,258.07. As of the meeting date the checking account total was \$886.82 and the savings account \$17,04850. Income included \$1000 from the Town. Expenses included the donation of \$1000 for the Newspaper Digitization project. She received a membership renewal for the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance with a suggested amount of \$50. The Board agreed to send them \$100 to support their activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Vacancies: Bill moved that Marilyn Soper be appointed to fill the remainder of Barbara Steward's term as director which runs from 2014 to 2017. Deane seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Bicentennial Cane: Deane, Paula, and Gay gave the cane to Violet Jones on April 9. A picture was in the Intertown Record and will be in the next newsletter.

Archives: Bill reported that the Argus Champion web site is up with the digitized newspapers and that he has scanned Linda Powell's glass plate negatives. Margie said that she would like to get back to accessing the Sherman Hall collection using an updated version of Past Perfect. She moved that the Board approve an expense of approximately \$350 to update to Past Perfect Version 5.0. Deane seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting: The meeting is August 2. Ashley will do publicity, and Claire will sell books and memberships, and all were asked to bring refreshments.

History Committee: Deane reported that they met with a great-grandson of Elijah Grace, who had memorabilia including letters from a Confederate prison where Elijah died. The committee explored their first cellar hole, the Giles Bartlett property, which had lots of additions and 2 barn sites. They have 3 more planned, Fishersfield (the Colburn property), a mill site on the Weiler property (with a picnic).

South Newbury Buildings: Paula could not attend but did send copies of the painter's suggestions. After some discussion it was decided that more information was needed. Marilyn suggested that we ask that the sign for Sherman Hall on Route 103 be repainted.

House Markers: Gay gave a marker to the Daniels'. Deane has the marker from the Town Hall which needs repainting. Gay has a request for help in getting documentation for a property in which the owner found a board with 1901 on it but the owner thinks it should be earlier.

Newsletter: Deane reported that the newsletter is printed and ready to mail. Bill has labels ready to mail that and the PALS brochure. A “lick and stick” meeting will be Wednesday at 1PM at Claire’s.

Old Home Day (July 11): Bill suggested that we place our canopy in front of the library as we did 2 years ago. All agreed. Bill will get a schedule.

PALS: See **Newsletter**.

Sunapee School House: Bill reported that the archaeologist found nothing of interest. Asbestos removal has delayed demolition, which had been scheduled for spring. He is trying to get the site deeded to the Conservation Commission.

Web Site: Margie said that she continues to upload our minutes and newsletters.

Other Old Business:

NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Weiler, Secretary

MEETING DATES:

Board Meetings (2nd Thursday, odd months):

July 9

September 10

November 12