

Newbury Historical Society
Minutes
January 12, 2017

Board members present: Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Gay Sheary, Paula Falkowski, Deane Geddes, Ashley Geddes and John Lyons.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:32 p.m.

Minutes: The Minutes of November 10, 2016 were approved and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: See attached. Bill also reported that he had sold a copy of *History of Newbury* to the Hastings brothers earlier in the week. The brothers are doing research on their family and they have ties to our town.

Election of Board Members/Officers: Bill nominated John Lyons to fill a board member vacancy with a term expiring in 2019. John was unanimously voted in for the position. No action was taken on filling the president's position at this time.

Membership: Margie reported there were no new members but we had one monetary contribution from a current member. We discussed the pros and cons of sending out a membership reminder letter so close to when we are planning to send out a newsletter. Paula suggested writing a personal note on newsletters going to people who have not yet renewed their membership.

Annual Meeting: Bill mentioned Perry Teele as a possible speaker for our annual meeting. After some discussion, we asked Gay to check with the N.H. Humanities Council regarding Glenn Knoblock's program on N.H. Cemeteries and Gravestones. She will assess his availability on Sundays in late July through early August. As an alternative, she will consider Steve Taylor's availability. We also expressed the desire to hold the meeting in the Town Office conference room, as last year's program at the Center Meeting House was extremely warm and hard to hear.

Archives: Bill reported he has given access to our online archives to the Hasting brothers (referred to above). He said that he would like to digitize "Book E" of the town records, which cover the period of 1820 – 1842. Bill also noted he added material on the Pierce/Peirce papers, an 1805 summary of real estate granted by the Masonian Proprietors, on the online archives.

Historic House Markers: Gay reported she is waiting for a sign from Bruce MacKenzie and also a report from Bill for a house on 13 Pine Street in Blodgett Landing.

History Committee: Deane is working on the history portion of the town's 2018 Master Plan. He has been asked to cut down the size from the 2008 plan. He would like to reference any books related to Newbury and asked for suggestions. Deane reported he is hoping to have Dick Butterfield present a program on the Knollwood Inn at his February meeting.

Newsletter: Deane, Ashley and Paula are hoping to have a newsletter ready for early February. Paula asked Margie for a label list so she can prepare the mailing and send it out. John suggested we put an ad for *Images of America – Newbury* in the newsletter to see if there is any renewed interest.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Falkowski, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: March 9, 2017 @ 2:30 p.m.