

**Newbury Historical Society**  
**Minutes**  
**May 11, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:38 p.m.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of March 9, 2017 were approved and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** See attached.

**Membership:** Margie reported that we have had approximately 15 membership renewals since the Spring 2017 Newsletter went out.

**Annual Meeting:** Gay reported that she sent Glenn Knoblock a note confirming he would be the presenter of "New Hampshire Cemeteries and Gravestones" at our annual meeting to be held on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Newbury Town Office. Deane said he would conduct the business portion of the meeting and introduce the speaker. Paula will read last year's annual meeting minutes.

**Archives:** Bill reported that there had been humidity spikes in the vault at Sherman Hall, which he and Deane are monitoring. He then made a motion that \$162.00 be appropriated for digitizing record Book E. Deane seconded the motion and it was approved. Book E contains the Town of Newbury's records of town meetings and tax records from 1821-1842.

**Historic House Markers:** Gay reported that she talked to Bruce MacKenzie, who installed a plaque on his cottage in Blodgett Landing, which was built in 1904. She is currently working on a getting a plaque for the house that was originally her grandfather and mother's cottage indicating it was built in 1916. She will plan on taking photos in the near future.

**History Committee:** Everybody on the Board was in attendance at the May 9 meeting where Deane gave a visual presentation of maps showing the evolution of the Town of Newbury. There was no March meeting because of a snowstorm. Perry Teele of Bradford spoke about the Masonian Curve at the April meeting.

**Newsletter:** Paula mailed out the Spring 2017 Newsletter at the beginning of April. One comment from a reader noted that a reference to Fisherfield should have been Fishersfield.

**Old Home Day:** Paula will be conducting the library book sale on Old Home Day and said she would reserve space for the Historical Society to set up nearby. John suggested that members of the Society dress up in period attire. He will research where we might get historical costumes.

**South Newbury Buildings:** Paula reported that she submitted the application for a moose plate grant for restoration of Newbury's theatre curtains to the NH Arts Council on May 6. Bill asked for the Board's approval to proceed with a request for proposal for a historic survey on each of the South Newbury buildings with the goal of getting them placed on the State Register of Historic Places. When asked, he estimated the cost might be \$2,000 - \$4,000. There was no objection from the Board.

**Website:** Paula said she didn't see the current newsletter on the website last week, and Margie said she would look into it.

**Old Business:** Gay is still researching historical marker manufacturers for the former casino site in Blodgett Landing. She is looking at an aluminum plaque that would contain a picture and story of the casino. Craig MacKenzie said he would be willing to construct a stand. Bill said granite would be a better option over the long term. Stocker Granite in Sunapee and Swenson Granite in Concord were mentioned as possible contacts.

**New Business:** Margie brought up the subject of changing the bank account from Lake Sunapee Bank (which has a new parent company and many account changes) to Sugar River Bank. Bill moved that the Society change its banking accounts to Sugar River Bank. The motion was seconded and approved. Bill then moved that Margaret Weiler and Paula Falkowski be authorized to sign checks. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Other Business:** Bill handed out copies of the Newbury Historical Society By-Laws dated August 2, 2009 for the board to review.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Falkowski, Secretary

**Next Board Meeting:** July 13, 2017 @ 2:30 p.m.

**Annual Meeting:** August 13, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.