

Newbury Historical Society
Minutes
March 9, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: The Minutes of January 11, 2018 were approved and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: See attached. Bill noted we received two gifts in memory of Evelyn ("Evy") Davis, who passed away on January 13. Evy was a founding member of our History Committee.

Membership: Margie said there was no change in membership since our last meeting. There is a breakdown of Members in the attached Treasurer's Report.

Annual Meeting: John reported that the annual meeting and program have been scheduled for September 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Veterans Hall. Made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, Steve Taylor will present *New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality*. Ashley said she would do the publicity for the program in the *InterTown Record* and *Kearsarge Shopper*. Paula said she already submitted the information for the PALS brochure.

Archives: Bill reported he has been helping Joyce LaPorte with research on some documents related to a Joseph Boutell from Amherst, New Hampshire. He is also doing some research on the Lane/Lain(?) family, who came to Newbury in approximately 1778. We discussed Bill's collection of pictures. He provided some pictures for the upcoming newsletter from over 600 he scanned from the collection of Sally Harris (Mark Shultis' granddaughter). We discussed displaying pictures online and how to protect the ownership of the images. Bill said he also has some 400 post cards and over 1,000 general images he has collected over the years.

Historic House Markers: Bill gave Gay the chain of title he has completed thus far for the property at 17 Washington Street. He indicated he is still trying to fill in some of the missing pieces.

History Committee: Deane reported that February's meeting dealt with Sarah Jane Cilley Clement. He will be having another session on the topic for those who missed the meeting. The March meeting will be about the Lane/Lain and Gillingham family. He's also doing research on the former Frostop restaurant in Newbury Harbor.

Newsletter: Deane reported that Barbara Steward is still willing to help us with the newsletter. Paula received pictures from Bill this week to accompany articles submitted by John and will now coordinate production with Barbara. We would like to include a mention of the passing of Evy Davis and her contributions to the Town of Newbury.

Old Home Day: N/A

South Newbury Buildings: Paula reported that the conservators of Newbury's historic theater curtains plan on coming to Newbury on May 9-11 and May 21-24. Christine Hadsel of Curtains Without Borders will be presenting *Suspended Worlds: Historic Theater Scenery in Northern New England* following the restoration on June 4. Mike Menino told Paula that he would scrape and paint the interior of the Old Town Hall in April. Bill is still waiting for Paula Sagerman's proposal for the three historic buildings, which is due by the end of this month. John said that he'd been in touch with people from the South Newbury Union Church and asked that they give us a list of five projects of historic nature that we might be able to help fund. He has not heard from them yet.

Website: Margie continues to keep the website up to date. She's been working on trying to keep the photos from being copied and used without our consent.

Other Business: Gay is continuing to research a plaque for the casino in Blodgett Landing.

New Business: John brought to our attention the Town's *Master Plan Summary*. We discussed some of Newbury's land subdivision control regulations. Bill brought to our attention the Society's part in the Action Plan for Newbury's Master Plan. See attached page 74 from *Envision Newbury 2027*.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Falkowski, Secretary

Next Board Meetings: May 10, 2018
July 12, 2018
September 13, 2018
November 8, 2018