

**Newbury Historical Society**  
**Minutes**  
**September 13, 2018**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of July 12, 2018 were approved and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** See attached. Bill said the main expenditures were \$1,000 for the South Newbury historic building survey and \$794 for the PastPerfect software upgrade.

**Membership:** See attached. Margie said there is one new member.

**Annual Meeting:** John reported that Steve Taylor is all set to present *New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality* on Sunday, September 16 at 3:00 p.m. at the Vets Hall. John said the New Hampshire Humanities Council does not like groups to have business meetings before programs. After some discussion, Paula made a motion to reschedule the business portion of the annual meeting to the Board's next meeting on November 8 at 2:30 p.m. The motion passed 4-1 with one abstention.

**Archives:** Bill said he has hired Lynn Clark to organize our archival collection with an updated version of PastPerfect (which includes an upgrade to search for photos). Lynn will work eight hours a week at \$10.00 per hour. Bill noted he is in the process of getting the seven town books ready for courier pickup by New England Document Conservation Center. The cost of digitizing the books is \$6,000 and the courier service is \$380. It should take about two months for the work to be done.

**Historic House Markers:** N/A

**History Committee:** The August meeting was held at Sherman Hall, followed by a visit to the Old Town Hall. The September meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The October meeting will focus on Great Island. John suggested a calendar be created with various topics and perhaps have different members of the group be a presenter. Paula noted that she likes the field trips.

**Newsletter:** Deane said that he would be planning a meeting of the committee soon.

**Old Home Day:** N/A

**South Newbury Buildings:** Bill reported that Paula Sagerman would be filing her proposal to have the three buildings in South Newbury put on the State Register of Historic Places with the N.H. Division of Historic Resources this week. John asked about having future programs in the buildings. Paula is still working on getting the lights in working order.

**Website:** Margie will update the current board of directors.

**Other Business:** Barbara Steward spoke with Deane about getting a street number marker for the Center Meeting House. Deane will give her a blank that needs to be painted.

**New Business:** The Town of Newbury has appointed John, Bill and Paula to a Town History Committee. The mission of the committee is to investigate the feasibility of publishing a town history. Their next meeting is September 25 at 10:30 a.m. at Sherman Hall. They hope to interview Kathryn Grover, who has written histories for Rochester and Canterbury, N.H.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Falkowski, Secretary

**Next Board Meeting:** November 8, 2018