

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of August 13, 2018
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Sally Woodman	Diane Morin	Kathy Meserve	John Meserve
	Roger Hamel	Dave Simpson	Ron Saunders	Marilyn Landry

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

John Meserve noted the spelling of Judy Deno's name should be Denno. Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the minutes of July 9, 2018 as amended. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from donation from Whispering Pines Campground and donations from the Zwicker presentation. Expenses were for the electric bill and R. Zwicker presentation. The Money Market income was from interest. Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the July 31, 2017 Treasurers' Reports. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Brush removal project for Newton Scout Troop #91: Bill Landry reported members of Scout Troop #91 did a really good job clearing the brush around the Marshall House barn and cobbler shop on Sunday. Mike Pivero left a brush trailer to fill and removed it on Monday. Bill distributed a PDF of the job pictures to the mailing list. He will send Mary Riordan the jpeg files to post on our Web site. Bill noted that two sides of the cobbler shop are in desperate need of paint. He sent an email to Paul Taylor, the committee person for the Scouts, to see if they would be interested in the scrapping and painting project. Bill asked if we would purchase the paint and brushes. He would have to bring it before the Selectmen for approval.

HSEM 2019 Calendar photos submission: Bill Landry submitted the photos for the Homeland Security Emergency Management 2019 calendar.

Submit names & addresses of possible sponsors for Fall Festival: John received some names from Tom at North Shore Bank and Bill Landry. He asked members to send him an email with the name and address of businesses to receive the sponsor letter. John will personalize these letters and have the member sign it. The letters will be going out in September.

Review of Slide Shows on Web: Bill Landry asked the members for their thoughts on the slide shows. The consensus was to post them on the Web site. Mary Riordan will put a link on the home page under "What's new" to the slide shows. Bill will send Mary the photo jpeg files of the Boy Scout brush removal project.

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Assoc. of Historical Societies Award Nomination: Bill Landry distributed the instructions for applying for these awards and a list of our projects. The consensus was that we do not have enough time to get clarification on the application and complete it by this year's deadline. Bill Landry, Kathy Meserve and Karen O'Malley volunteered for a committee to investigate this for next year.

New Business:

Donation to NHHHC: Bill Landry received the annual request from NHHHC for a donation. John Meserve made a motion to donate \$100 to NHHHC. Sally Woodman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Home Day participation (September 15 at Memorial School – 11a.m. to 4p.m.): Bill Landry received an email from Selectman Matt Burrill asking if we would be interested in participating in Old Home Days by manning a putting challenge with the Town providing the equipment and a donated gift certificate as the grand prize. Bill will respond that we are not interested.

Other: None

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Nothing to report

Historian: Roger Hamel reported he sent Judy Granger a copy of the birth page from the 1925 Town Report. Judy had posted on the Newton Facebook looking for proof of her father's, Stanley Osborne Cheney, birth. He also received a request through Bill from David Hayford for information on Henry Burbeck. Roger connected him with Barbara Swasey-Keir, Henry Burbeck's granddaughter.

Archivist: Nothing to report

Programs: Sally Woodman reported the Roxie Zwicker presentation was well attended. Three of Roxie's books were inadvertently taken, so we reimbursed Roxie for the books. Our next presentation is The Secrets of Cellar Holes by Adair Mulligan on September 19th 7PM at the Town Hall. Sally will confirm that date. She gave Bill the new NHHHC survey to copy. Sally will bring suggestions for next year presentations to the next meeting.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported we had 202 unique visitors to our web site. This is higher than our monthly average for this year. She put the updated Veteran's list on the web site.

Next Meeting: Monday September 10, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary