

NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting

June 5, 2008

Board Members Present: Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Deane Geddes,
Bob Morris, Barbara Steward, Dennis Pavlicek, Shelly Candidus
Others Present: Diana Morris, David and Mary Thayer, Gay and Marty Sheary

President Bill Weiler called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

Minutes of May 1, 2008 were accepted with one correction: we will set up a table only at Old Home day, not the PALS events.

Treasurers Report:

May 1, 2008 through June 5, 2008 accounting was presented by Margie Weiler.
The general account changed from \$5,006.17 to \$5,036.17.
The life membership account, \$4,000, is unchanged from the last meeting.
The conservation fund, \$1,121.45, is unchanged from the last meeting.
Total Assets increased from \$10,127.62 to \$10,157.62.

Old Business:

Town History:

Dennis said on "grand committee" meeting had been held. Shelly said that the editorial committee met at the end of May and made a revised layout, chapter divisions, and a list of contacts. The response has been good so far so that the main problem will be to select the best pictures. Their next meeting is June 18.

PALS Collaborative and Old Home Day:

Barbara asked for volunteers for two-hour time slots during the events. More are still needed. Margie will bring her "Sherman Hall" poster and Bill will bring his picture album. Gerry Gold is producing a flyer for his Eagle's Nest walk including an old picture taken from there.

House Marker Project:

Dianna has received 12 responses to the letter asking for old houses to be identified. All but one qualifies. She wants all responses by June 15.

Collection Organization and Cataloging Project:

Margie reported that Museum and Collector Resources has been working in Sherman Hall for 3 weeks, half of their planned time. They are doing a wonderful job. In the process they are generating a lot of trash which has been stored in Town Hall. Dennis said that he will get someone to pick it up.

Web Site:

Bruce Healey will organize the development of a web site for us. His committee will include Rich Cole and Bill and Margie Weiler. Dennis said that the Town pays \$1300 a year for its web site which all agreed was too high for us.

Newsletter/Mailing:

Barbara has prepared another newsletter to include the flyer for the Annual Meeting. After some discussion it was decided to mail both to all Newbury taxpayers whether or not they live nearby. Dennis estimated the total as about 1300 but will let Barbara and Margie know the exact total tomorrow so that the right number of copies can be printed and stamps purchased. The "lick'n'stick" will be June 12 in the Town Office Building. Deane, Shelly, and the Thayers and Morris' volunteered to help.

Annual Meeting:

Bob has arranged for Rebecca Courser to give a talk on early Newbury African-Americans. The "lick'n'stick" meeting will be June 12 at 1PM at Alice's.

Cane Committee:

Deane has two names so far and wants a request for others to be in the newsletter.

Annual Meeting:

The meeting will be in the Town Office Building. Dennis, Barbara, and Mary will bring refreshments

New Business:

Secretary:

Mary Thayer was nominated and elected to fill this position. Bill will write to Dick Matte telling him this and asking him if he wants to continue as a Director.

Archives Collection Policy:

Margie presented a draft policy. The intent is for the Board to adopt such a policy and appoint an Archives Committee to carry it out. There was a discussion about whether to accept artifacts. The tentative conclusion was to not to encourage their donation but to accept some if truly valuable. Further discussion was tabled to give the Museum and Collector Resources people a chance to comment.

Donor for a Special Project:

Margie reported that a potential donor has asked for suggestions for a special project to support. Preliminary suggestions from the Board included a rug and other furnishings for Sherman Hall, the Collections Cataloging project, and better lighting for Sherman Hall with filters for UV.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by Margie Weiler.

Upcoming meetings: July 20 (Annual Meeting), Aug 7, Sep 4, Nov 6.

Board of Directors

July 2007 - 2010

Alice Lynn
Dick Matte
Bob Morris

July 2006 - 2009

Deane Geddes
Margie Weiler
Bill Weiler

July 2005 - 2008

Shelly Candidus
Dennis Pavlicek
Barbara Steward