

Newbury Historical Society
Minutes
September 13 2012

Board members present: Claire Vannatta, Gay Sheary, Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Shelly Candidus, and Paula Falkowski

Members present: Marty Sheary

Shelly called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The Minutes of 5/10/2012 were accepted without correction. All in favor.

Claire gave the Treasurer's report. The total inflow from 1/1/12 for all accounts was \$2,757.25 and the outflow \$2,158.40. The current fund balances are: General \$14,685.15, Conservation \$968.61 and Life Members \$5,500.00, for a total of \$21,153.76. The current membership total is 90.

OLD BUSINESS:

History Committee/Map Project: Bill gave a progress report on the Fishersfield deeds. He just picked up the disks with the digitized materials. For the Hillsborough County deeds, duplicates and non-Fishersfield deeds were removed and separation sheets were inserted. Three microfilms were also digitized: the LDS copy of the State Library's copied Books A and C; the NEDCC copy of the original Book C; and the Town Clerk's copy of the LDS microfilm of the Town vital records from 1796. The total cost was \$152, quite a bit lower than the original estimate of \$400. The images were supplied on 2 DVDs.

History Committee/South Newbury Project: Paula reported for Deane that they are still working on detailed maps of South Newbury, following the chains of title and adding names of the owners in 1900. They are planning another tour of the village.

House Markers: Gay reported that two markers were placed in Idlehurst this summer, and an additional one is ready for the homeowner to decide where to mount it. She has no new applications. She sent new pictures of recent recipients to Margie for the web site.

Newsletter: Shelly said that Barbara has asked Chuck Kennedy for a shortened version of his talk about the Center Meeting House. More material is still needed, such as a report from the South Newbury Project.

Program Committee: Shelly wants suggestions for future programs to be a topic for the November meeting.

Annual Meeting: Attendance this year was low, perhaps because it was earlier than usual.

Old Home Day: Our location in the Center Meeting House was good because the day was so hot. Bill suggested that we should try next year to be in front of the Library to generate more interest. Only one book was sold (the Picture Book), and no memberships, old or new.

Membership: There was discussion of sending reminders to members who haven't renewed. The consensus was that an update of the tri-fold flyer should be done, and include an offer of the latest newsletter as a reward. Bill suggested including return envelopes as was done once before.

Web Site: Margie passed around copies of a visit count summary for August and said that she is still working on the problem of adding pictures since the old format requires work with Photoshop.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: This was postponed since several members were absent

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Weiler, Secretary

MEETING DATES:

Board Meetings:

November 8

January 10