

**Newbury Historical Society**  
**Minutes**  
**January 10 2013**

**Board members present:** Barbara Steward, Claire Vannatta, Mary Thayer, Gay Sheary, Deane Geddes, Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, and Paula Falkowski

**Members present:** Marty Sheary, Ashley Geddes

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

The Minutes of 12/10/2012 were accepted without correction. All in favor.

Claire gave the Treasurer's report. The total income from 6/1/12 for all accounts was \$3,246.12 and the expenses \$484.96. The current Conservation Fund balance is \$974.56, the Life Member Fund balance \$5,500.00, and the total balance is \$21,528.27. Following the consensus from the last meeting, Claire moved about \$11,000.00 from the checking account to the savings account. Margie suggested that savings account interest no longer be credited to the Conservation Fund balance, since the balances are no longer comparable. Claire also reported a substantial increase in our membership, now 141, the largest total ever.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Annual Meeting:** Barbara has reserved Vet's Hall for August 11 at 2PM. After considering 3 possible speakers and topics the Board selected Steve Taylor who will talk on the History of the Grange Movement.

**Program Committee & Additional Programs:** Gay will talk with the other 2 speakers for special programs at other times, one possibly on "vanishing" NH Civil War Memorials

**History Committee/South Newbury Project:** Deane said that their last trip to the Registry of Deeds had to be cancelled because of snow. Paula raised the issue of rehabilitating the Town Hall to become the focus of the walking tour. Bill summarized his previous work including an existing plan for all three buildings from a study funded by the Selectmen, which has not received any additional support. Paula wants to raise this issue again with them and Bill agreed to help

**History Committee/Map Project:** Bill has given a CD to Perry Teele with preliminary copies of deeds, maps, and indexes. The map needed added section numbers because there are duplicate lot numbers. Perry wanted the tax map as an overlay and Bill after some work was able to get the right format.

**House Markers:** Gay reported they have no new applications.

**Newsletter/Fall Edition:** Barbara gave Chuck 10 copies to thank him for his contribution.

**Newsletter/Spring Edition:** Barbara will use the disk from Tracy on the history of Vet's Hall and has 2 articles from Mac McKinon. Dennis will give a copy to Bill for the Archives.

**PALS Collaboration:** Barbara will make sure the Annual Meeting information gets included in the new flyer and wants to mail copies of the flyer to all members. Mary frequently gives out copies at the Information Booth in the summer.

**Web Site:** Margie put the grant announcement and picture on the What's New page.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Board Vacancy:** Ashley Geddes was nominated and elected unanimously to fill the term vacated by Shelly Candidus.

**Old Home Day:** Barbara will be away that day and wants a volunteer to organize our activities. This will be decided at the next meeting.

**Other:** Marty brought in a large collection of documentation (1933 – 1950) from the Blodgett's Cottage Owners Association that had been stored in the Casino before it was burned down. He gave them to Bill for evaluation and possible addition to the collection in Sherman Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Weiler, Secretary

**MEETING DATES:**

**Board Meetings:**

**March 14**

**May 9**