

Newbury Historical Society
Minutes
November 14 2013

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

Members present: Marty Sheary

Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

The Minutes of 9/12/2013 were accepted. All in favor.

Claire gave the Treasurer's report. The current Conservation Fund balance remains \$974.20, the Life Member Fund balance \$5,500.00, and the operating fund is now \$16,229.23. All liked the new format of the report. Claire was only able to get an interest rate of 0.79% for a 30 month CD. The Life Member fund needs to be reduced by \$300 because two have passed away: Dexter Burley (\$100) and Virginia Kennedy (\$200).

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: The total so far is 99 including the life members. Joyce Cantu, a life member, has asked to be removed from our mailing list; it was decided to remove her as a life member and reduce the Life Member fund by another \$100.

Archives: Bill has some oral history tapes made by Tracy Messer in the 1980's. He has found someone in Sutton who can transfer the recordings to CDs. It was moved, seconded and approved to spend an estimated \$1100 to transfer 4 of these tapes.

Annual Meeting Planning: July 20 was agreed as a good potential date. Gay will investigate several possible speakers from the Council for Humanities list.

History Committee: Deane reported that the deed work is continuing but that many have hit a "wall" where the preceding owner can't be identified. Clayton Platt, who surveyed the South Newbury buildings, attended a meeting to explain his methods including how to make a "cartoon" showing the property and its abutters. Paula has transcribed the 1823 – 1860 deed indexes. The Committee discussed making an inventory of cellar holes and mill sites in Newbury. Deane and Bill met with consultants for DRED who are evaluating the Mount Sunapee School House site.

South Newbury Buildings: Deane, Bill, and Craig McKenzie made a detailed list of work needed, which was presented to the Selectmen on October 25 and will be presented at the Budget Committee meeting on Dec. 16 at 6:30. The grange exterior has been painted (a new color); it was noted that the woodwork was repaired first.

House Markers: Margie's new flyer was approved; Barbara will leave some paper stock for it in Bill's box at the Town Office Building.

Newsletter Fall Edition: Barbara has articles from Deane on the History Committee and Paula on the South Newbury buildings, and has asked for input from Deane on the History Committee and for a filler from Bill.

PALS Collaboration: It was agreed to continue since the collaboration plans to do so. Ron will continue to make the flyer, with a simplified format.

Web Site: Margie had nothing new.

Election of Officers: Re-elected were President (Barbara) and Vice-President (Deane).

New Business:

The Board agreed to sponsor the Center Meetinghouse summer speaker series. The subject will be trains.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Weiler, Secretary

MEETING DATES:

Board Meetings:

Jan 9

March 13