

**Newbury Historical Society**  
**Minutes**  
**March 13 2014**

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

**Members present:** Marty Sheary

Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The Minutes of 11/14/2013 were accepted (Bill moved, Claire seconded).

**Treasurer's Report:** Claire reported that the current Conservation Fund balance remains \$974.20, the Life Member Fund balance has been reduced to \$5,000.00, and the operating fund is now \$15,946.22. The Life Member fund was reduced by \$100 because of the death of Virginia Hancock.

**Announcement:** Barbara said that there will be a Thursday's Child dinner on March 27 at the New London Inn, to benefit the Center Meeting House.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Archives:** Bill has been corresponding by email with the son of the fiancé of Herbert Brook, one of the two Newbury soldiers killed in WWII. She has his class ring from Boston University and is looking for a relative to give it to. Bill, with some help from Tracey Messer, has learned a lot about the Brook family but could find no suitable relative. She and her son may visit Newbury in the Spring.

**Annual Meeting Planning:** Barbara has learned that the NHCH reached their maximum number of programs for the year and that we should apply early for next year's speaker. Ashley will handle publicity including 2 ads in The Shopper, a photo and caption in the Intertown Record and a couple of communications with Judy for her column.

**History Committee:** Bill has been making use of temporary free on-line access to the county deeds. Deane said the group has decided to focus together on one of their problem properties, and that the group is very interested in finding old cellar holes and mill sites. He has learned of one new mill site, the Rollins saw mill (1897) in Bell Cove.

**South Newbury Buildings:** Paula reported that Travis Dezotell, Newbury's Recreation Department Director, was at his desk while the History Committee met at a nearby table in January. Seizing the opportunity to get his input, she asked him if he would be interested in using these buildings. He gave a positive indication, and the group discussed a possible office for him and space for indoor sports activities and theater productions. She plans to go to the Library trustees to see if they would like to transfer any books of a historical nature that don't get much use in the Library. She also has been indexing the Argus Champion articles about Newbury.

**House Markers:** Gay had no new applications.

**Newsletter:** Barbara asked for articles from Deane and Ashley on the Hancock house and perhaps another, an update from Paula on the South Newbury buildings, and Bill's research on the quilt.

**Sunapee School House:** Bill is working with DRED and the Newbury Conservation Commission to see if the site can be transferred to the CC which will ensure future maintenance.

**Web Site:** Margie agreed to send an example of our usage report to the Board.

**CMH June Speaker Series:** We are one of the sponsors of the series “When the Trains Came to Newbury” including the final talk on Old Home Day by Bruce Davison on “When the Trains Left Newbury.”

**PALS:** We voted to again mail the brochure to our members.

**Nominating Committee:** Paula, Ashley and Deane were asked to form the nominating committee. Individuals whose terms expire are Ashley, Claire and Barbara.

**Other:** Barbara asked if the Board would support joining the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. An organization membership is \$50 a year and includes help from staff members such as Maggie Stier on project promotion. Bill moved to join, Paula seconded, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Weiler, Secretary

**MEETING DATES:**

**Board Meetings:**

**May 8**

**June 29**

**September 11**