

Newbury Historical Society
Minutes
November 13, 2014

Board members present: Gay Sheary, Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Deane Geddes, and Paula Falkowski

Members present: Marty Sheary

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

Minutes: The Minutes of 5/8/2013 were accepted with a correction from Deane that it was the Cogswell property that had at one time belonged to the Croteau family.

Treasurer's Report: Margie reported for Claire that the current Conservation Fund balance remains \$974.20, the Life Member Fund balance remains \$5,200.00, and the operating fund is now \$17,559.14. There was discussion about the need to renew an expiring CD and the consensus was to favor shorter-term with lower interest since all of the rates are so low and interest rates may start increasing soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Vacancies: Bill is talking to several possible candidates and asked the Board members to help find others.

Archives: Bill reported that he has made space in Sherman Hall for file storage for other non-profits in the area, that do not have their own office space, starting with the Center Meeting House and Lake Todd Village District. The file cabinets have been moved upstairs and Bill has started moving some CMH material there; the memorabilia will go into our vault.

Annual Meeting: Paula and Gay will start planning for the Annual Meeting, including selecting a date that does not coincide with Old Home Day. Several speaker possibilities were discussed. The program information needs to go to PALS by February 1.

History Committee: Deane said he and Chuck Crickman are looking at cellar holes and are preparing a primer on what to do. Cal has offered one on his property and Chan Blodgett has offered to help. Bill brought in several old photograph albums which sparked interest.

South Newbury Buildings: Paula said that the shutters have been repaired. Bill has not yet written the promised RFP for the state registry of historic places.

House Markers: Gay is waiting for Deane to make a sign for the most recent property accepted, and that they need more blanks. She suggested changing the cutoff date from 1899 to 1900 because quite a few properties are listed with the latter date in the assessor's list. The Board agreed. Margie will change the date on the flyers and the web site. Bill said that the marker on the Town Hall has yellowed – Deane said he would check it.

Newsletter: Bill said that he had been told that Barbara was in fact willing to continue working on the newsletter and will talk with her. One is needed at least by renewal time.

Sunapee School House: Bill said there was a site visit for fieldwork by Elsie Manning-Sterling, the archaeologist hired by DRED to study the site. Any demolition will probably not happen until next year.

Web Site: Margie will update the web site with minutes and a new board list.

Other Old Business: Bill noted that PALS met Nov 5 but that no one volunteered to represent us. The theme for this year will be “Recreation Around Lake Sunapee.” They asked the member groups to provide a QR code for the flyer, to provide access their web sites using a cell phone. The Board’s consensus is to continue to participate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Other Society Newsletters: Bill asked if there was interest in continuing to scan them and send them to the Board – Deane said that he has been reading them.

Newbury Cane: Bill noted that the current cane holder, Bill Schroeder, has died, and the Town Clerk has the cane. Deane will again work to identify a new recipient.

Choice of Meeting Dates: Bill asked if there was interest in changing from our current schedule but after some discussion there was no better choice identified.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Weiler, Secretary

MEETING DATES:

Board Meetings (2nd Thursday, odd months except July):

January 8

March 12

May 14