

**Newbury Historical Society**  
**Minutes**  
**January 8, 2015**

**Board members present:** Gay Sheary, Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Deane Geddes, and Claire Vanatta

**Members present:** Marty Sheary

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of 11/13/2013 were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Claire reported for that as of the end of December the current Conservation Fund balance remained \$974.20, the Life Member Fund balance remained \$5,200.00, and the operating fund was \$17,263.21. The bank charged fees in November and December because the checking account balance dropped below the limit of \$650. As of the meeting date the checking account total was \$844.74 and the savings account \$17,170.72. The Board suggested transferring funds from the savings account to the checking account to prevent any more low balance fees.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Board Vacancies:** Bill has talked to several possible candidates but they didn't want to make commitments to work on our projects.

**Archives:** Bill reported that there was no activity because of the cold weather.

**Annual Meeting:** Paula and Gay will start planning for the Annual Meeting. The date of August 2 was approved by the Board. Several speaker and topic possibilities were discussed. The program information needs to go to PALS by February 1.

**History Committee:** Deane said he thinks he has identified the oldest Newbury resident and plans to visit her soon. The committee met to discuss the cellar hole project which was attended by a number of interested property owners. Bruce Healy offered to share his map which shows 55 potential sites. Chandler Blodgett will be meeting with the committee to talk about George Blodgett.

**South Newbury Buildings:** Bill said that the Town Hall painting has been done. Deane asked Bill to review the checklist of repairs that they had made, and also noted that the chimney cap has fallen down.

**House Markers:** Gay is still waiting for markers from Deane. She is working on the homes in the assessors list dated 1900. Margie has changed the date on the web site from 1899 to 1900 and will make and distribute new flyers.

**Newsletter:** Bill said that Barbara was willing to continue only with the newsletter layout but wants the Board to contribute the articles. One is needed at least by renewal time. Deane and Ashley offered to contribute material from the History Committee meetings and Deane suggested including information about the new House Marker date and a list of books for sale. The goal is to have a newsletter out in May.

**Sunapee School House:** Bill said DRED hired an archeologist in June to make a survey of the site. Some background work was done during the summer, but the field work was not done until the day before the first snow. No report has been received as yet.

**Web Site:** Margie continues to update the web site with minutes and did change the House Marker cutoff date to 1900.

**Other Old Business:** Bill will continue to represent us with PALS.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Weiler, Secretary

**MEETING DATES:**

**Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, odd months):**

**March 12**

**May 14**

**July 9**

**September 10**

**November 12**